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ACRONYMS

CCAD	Corpus Christi Army Depot
CLEAN	Comprehensive Long-term Environmental Action Navy
CNATRA	Chief of Naval Air Training
CTO	Contract Task Order
MCL	Maximum Contaminant Level
MS/MSD	Matrix Spike/Matrix Spike Duplicate
NAS	Naval Air Station
NAVFAC EFD SOUTH	Naval Facilities Engineering Field Division SOUTH
PCL	Protective Concentration Level
QA/QC	Quality Assurance/Quality Control
RCRA	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
SI	Site Investigation
SOP	Standard Operating Procedure
SWMU	Solid Waste Management Unit
TCEQ	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
TCL	Target Compound List
TRRP	Texas Risk Reduction Program
TtNUS	Tetra Tech NUS, Inc.
ug/L	micrograms per liter
U.S.	United States
VOC	Volatile organic compound

1.0 INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE

Tetra Tech NUS, Inc. (TtNUS) has been contracted by the Department of the Navy, Naval Facilities Engineering Field Division SOUTH (NAVFAC EFD SOUTH) to conduct a site investigation (SI) and report for the North Gate Disposal Area – Solid Waste Management Unit (SWMU) 9 at the Naval Air Station (NAS) Corpus Christi, Texas. Additionally, a base-wide groundwater background study for arsenic will be conducted. This work will be performed under Contract Task Order (CTO) No. 0340 under the Comprehensive Long-term Environmental Action Navy (CLEAN) Contract No. N62467 94-D-0888.

In October 2003, groundwater samples were collected by EnSafe, Inc. from the SWMU 9 area. Analytical results indicated exceedances of Texas Risk Reduction Program (TRRP) Protective Concentration Levels (PCLs) for arsenic in groundwater. Based on these results, an SI will be conducted at SWMU 9 for further characterization of groundwater contamination. To support the SI, an update to the existing site background report for arsenic in groundwater will be prepared.

This Work Plan presents the proposed SI investigative, sampling, and analytical activities to support this additional characterization. Upon completion of the SI field and analytical tasks, a SI report will be prepared. Additionally, a Background Report Update for arsenic in groundwater will be prepared.

In addition, TtNUS will remove six existing signs and install six new signs at IR Sites 1, 3 and 4.

This Work Plan is divided into six sections. Section 1.0 provides an introduction and purpose. Section 2.0 provides the site description and background. Section 3.0 presents an overview of SI activities. Section 4.0 presents the reporting requirements. Section 5.0 presents the project schedule. Section 6.0 presents the references. The Quality Assurance Project Plan is provided in Appendix A. TtNUS Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) are provided in Appendix B.

2.0 SITE DESCRIPTION AND BACKGROUND

2.1 FACILITY DESCRIPTION

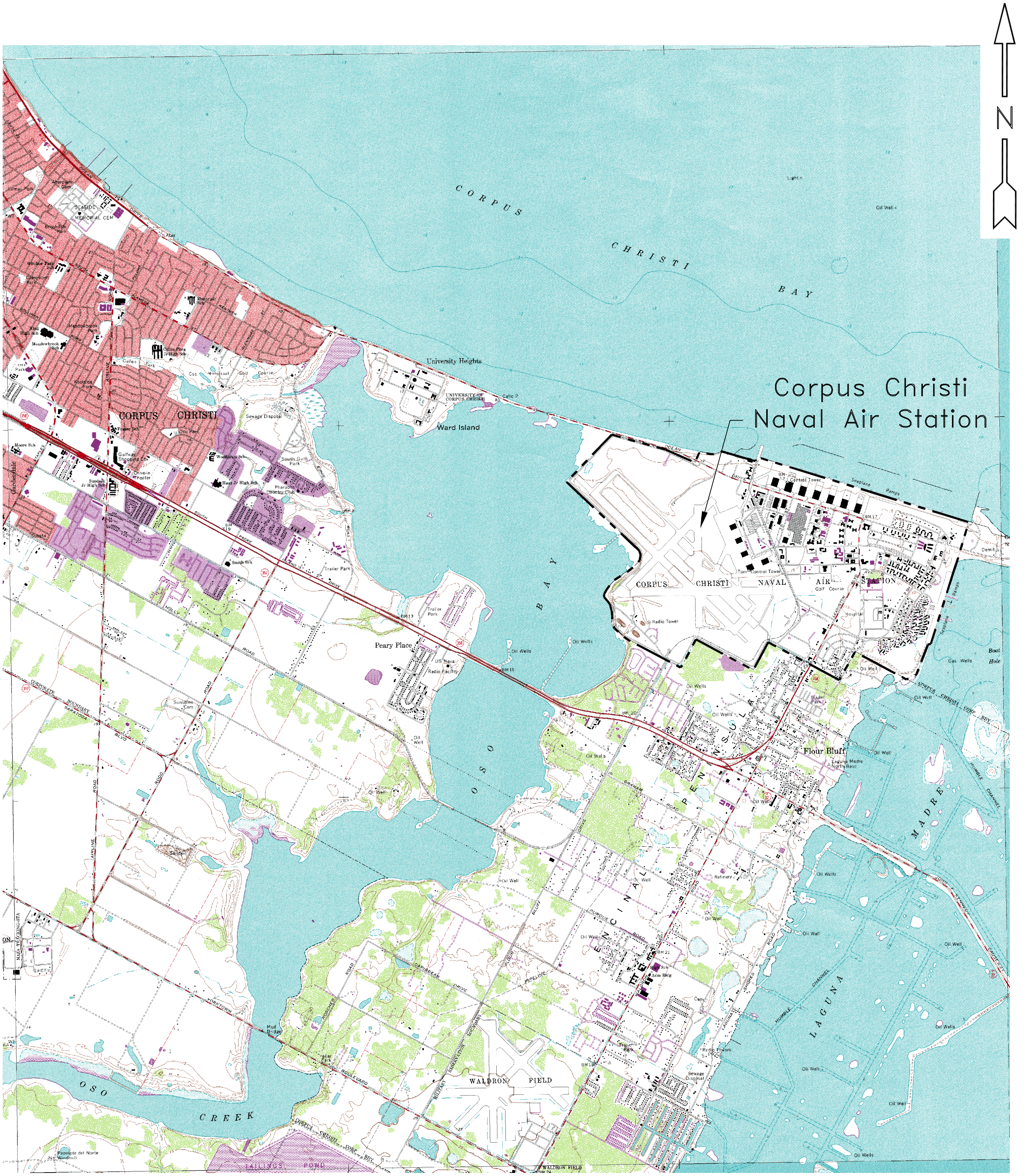
NAS Corpus Christi is located approximately 3 miles south of Corpus Christi, Texas, within the Encinal Peninsula. An area vicinity map is included as Figure 2-1. The facility occupies approximately 2,340 acres.

The mission of NAS Corpus Christi, Texas, is to maintain and operate facilities and provide service and material to support operations of aviation facilities and units of the Naval Air Training Command and other tenant activities and units. The general command assignment is pilot training. The first flight training started on May 5, 1941. The Chief of Naval Air Training (CNATRA), headquartered here, oversees the entire training operation. Under CNATRA's command are five training air wings, 16 training squadrons, over 14,000 Navy and civilian personnel, the Blue Angels Flight Demonstration Squadron, the Naval Aviation Schools Command and the National Museum of Naval Aviation. Established in August 1971, the Naval Air Training Command moved to its present headquarters in July 1972.

The largest tenant command at NAS Corpus Christi is the Corpus Christi Army Depot (CCAD). CCAD occupies nearly 140 acres leased from the station and is the largest industrial employer in South Texas. Established in 1961 as a relatively small maintenance facility for fixed-wing aircraft, CCAD has evolved into the Army's largest helicopter repair, overhaul and maintenance center.

Other major tenants at NAS Corpus Christi include Commander, Mine Warfare Command; the United States Coast Guard, which provides civilian search and rescue and maritime surveillance; the United States Marine Aviation Training Support Group; and the United States Customs Service. In all, there are more than 50 tenant commands and activities located on the station.

NAS Corpus Christi is located on the Encinal Peninsula. The peninsula is bounded on the southeast by Laguna Madre, the northwest by Cayo del Oso and the north by Corpus Christi Bay. The topography is generally flat (low relief) with an approximate mean elevation of 15 feet. The facility is located with the Western Gulf Coastal Plain Province and is underlain by the Beaumont Formation. Beaumont Formation facies are characterized by barrier island and beach deposits consisting of mostly fine-grained sands and shells. Soils at NAS Corpus Christi are well drained sandy soils. The ecology of the facility consists mainly of estuarine marshes and prairie grasslands.



SOURCE U.S.G.S. QUADRANGLE:
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SITE MANAGER: D. LINDSAY		TETRA TECH NUS, INC. Houston, Texas	FIGURE 2–1
CHECKED BY: L. BASILIO			AREA VICINITY MAP
DRAWN BY: J. FLESCH			NAS CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS
DATE: 03–17–04	SCALE: 1"=6000'		
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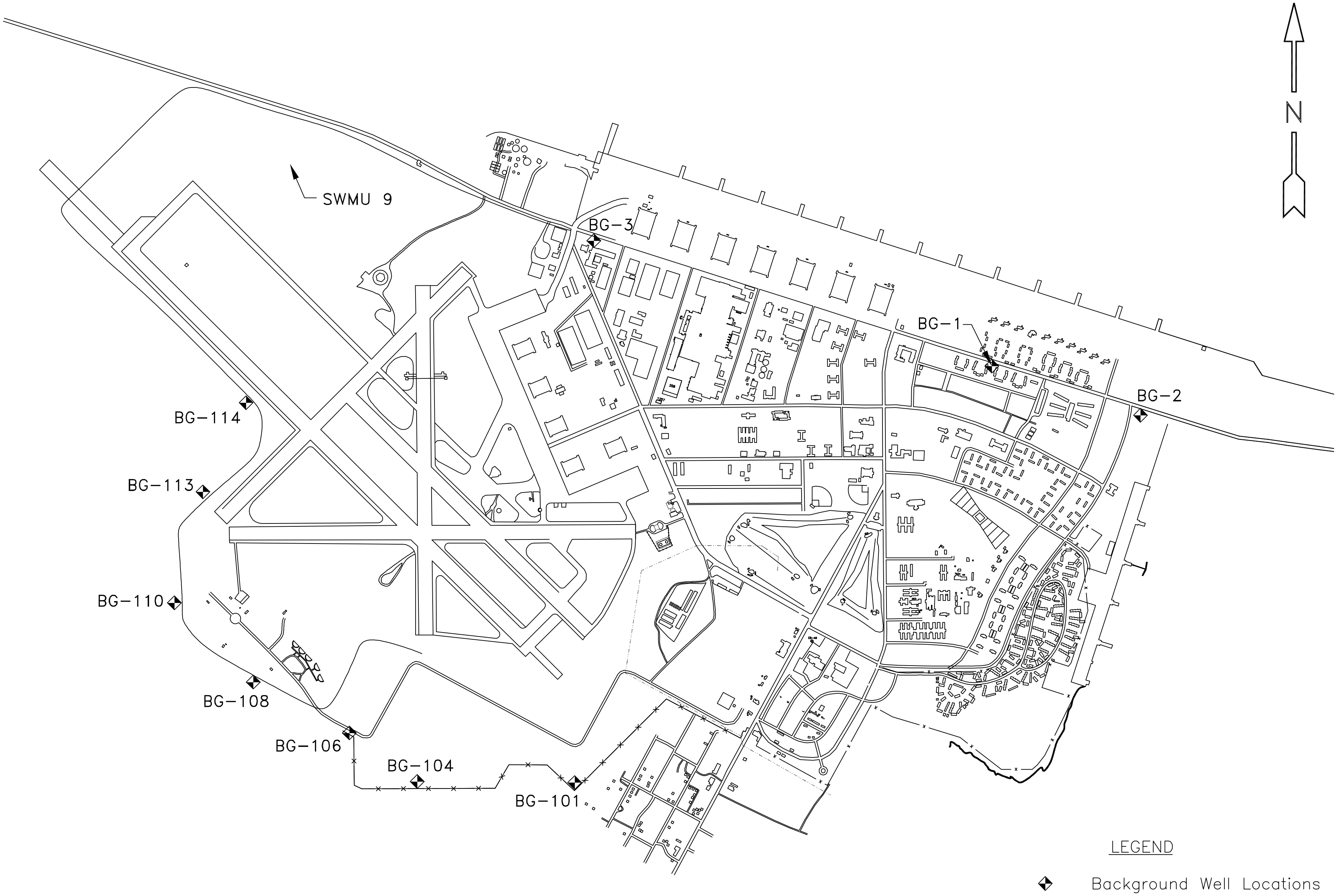
2.2 SWMU 9 BACKGROUND

SWMU 9, the North Gate Disposal Area, is located approximately 1,600 feet west of the North Gate and 600 feet south of the Patrol Road (refer to Figure 2-2). Reportedly pits were dug in this area during the late 1960's and 1970's for disposal of liquid wastes generated at CCAD. Disposal of liquid at the site was reportedly not on a consistent basis.

Three groundwater monitoring wells are installed at and near SWMU 9 (GM-22, REI-23, and REI-31). The locations of the monitoring wells are shown on Figure 3-1. The monitoring wells were installed in the mid-1980's by Navy subcontractors (Geraghty & Miller and Resource Engineering). Groundwater samples collected from the most recent sampling event in October 2001 exhibited positive detections for metals and semi-volatile organic compounds. One sample from monitoring well REI-23 contained an arsenic concentration of 12 micrograms per liter (ug/L). This concentration exceeded the TRRP Residential PCL for arsenic of 10 ug/L.



SITE MANAGER: D. LINDSAY		TETRA TECH NUS, INC. Houston, Texas	FIGURE 2-2
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DATE: 03-17-04	SCALE: 1"=2000'		
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3.0 SITE INVESTIGATION ACTIVITIES

This section provides an overview of the activities that will be conducted at NAS Corpus Christi to characterize the groundwater contamination at SWMU 9 and perform a groundwater background study for arsenic. The laboratory analytical work from this investigation will be performed in accordance with TRRP guidance as described in TRRP-13 (Texas Commission on Environmental Quality [TCEQ], 2002). The selected laboratory will be Navy certified.

Table 3-1, the Sampling and Analyses Summary, lists the samples planned for collection and the analyses anticipated for each sample.

Figure 3-1 shows the locations of existing monitoring wells and proposed locations for new monitoring wells at SWMU 9. It should be noted, however, that these locations are only presented for planning purposes; locations may be modified in the field to accommodate existing field conditions. One monitoring well was placed near the middle of the SWMU 9 area and two monitoring wells were placed at downgradient locations from SWMU 9. Figure 2-2 shows the locations of the existing background wells.

3.1 GROUNDWATER INVESTIGATION

The objective of the groundwater investigation at SWMU 9 is to determine if impacts to groundwater have occurred as a result of past practices. If so, the results will be used to further characterize the site. The presence and extent of impacts to groundwater will be determined from fixed-based laboratory analyses of groundwater samples. The results of the SI will be used to characterize the site and guide additional subsurface investigations to further characterize the site, if needed. The determination of impacts to groundwater at SWMU 9 will be based upon analyses of groundwater samples for volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and metals.

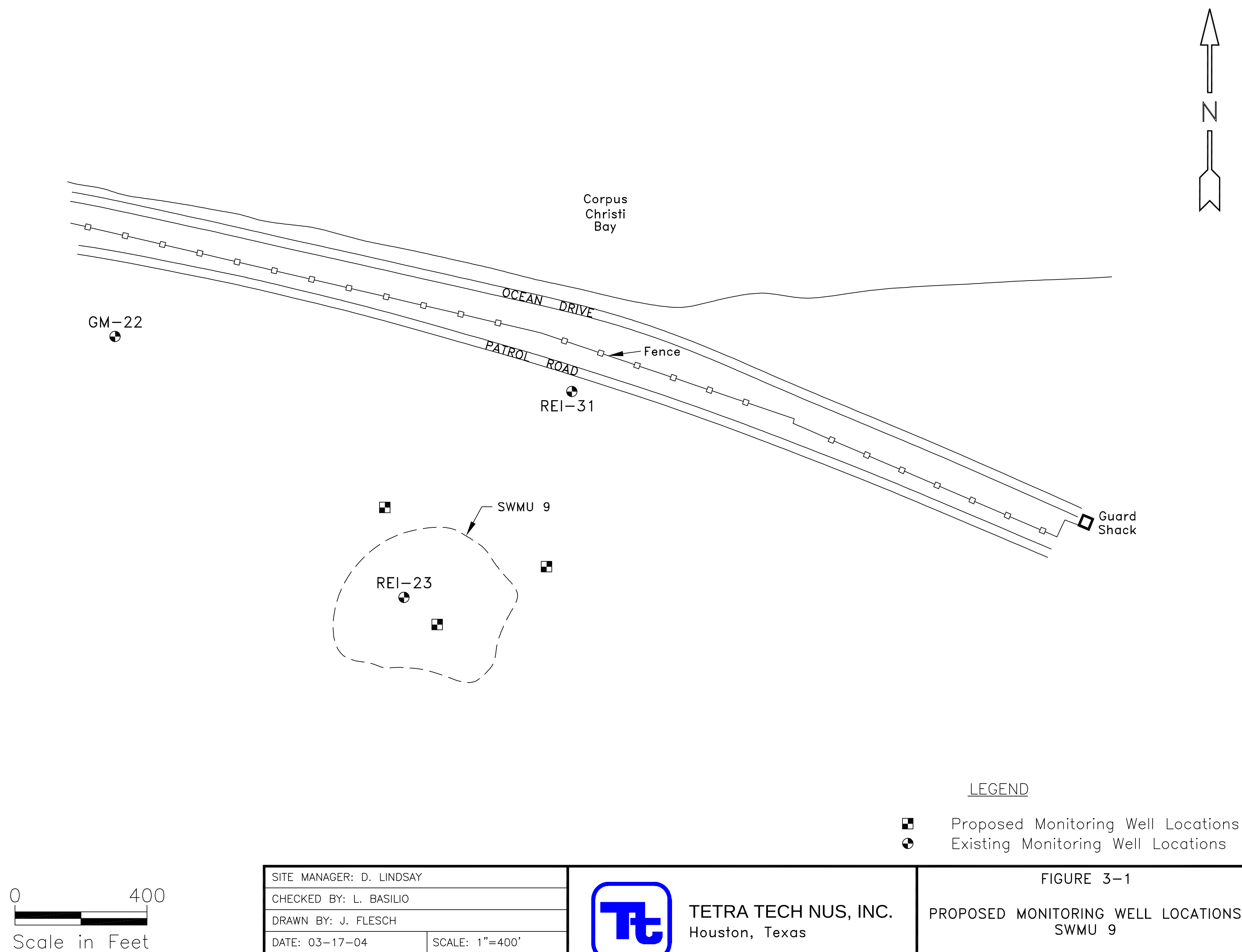
Three permanent monitoring wells will be installed using hollow stem auger drilling methods at SWMU 9. A total of six groundwater samples plus quality assurance/quality control (QA/QC) samples will be collected from the three newly installed monitoring wells and from the three existing monitoring wells. These locations are shown on Figure 3-1. The groundwater samples will be submitted to a fixed-base laboratory for target compound list (TCL) VOC analysis and metals. Table 3-1 presents the sampling and analysis summary. The QAPP, included as Appendix A, contains details on sampling operations, sampling procedures and documentation, chain-of-custody, laboratory analysis, reporting of data, quality control, and corrective action.

TABLE 3-1

**SAMPLING AND ANALYSES SUMMARY
NAS CORPUS CHRISTI**

Parameter	Number of Samples	Duplicates (1)	MS/MSDs (2)	Rinsate Blanks (3)	Source Blanks (4)	Trip Blanks (5)	Method (6)
SWMU 9							
VOCs	6	1	1	2	1	2	8260B
Total Metals (7)	6	1	1	2	1	0	6000/7000
Background Study							
Arsenic	9	1	1	2	0	0	6000
Investigation Derived Waste							
TCLP Organics (8)	2	0	0	0	0	0	1311/8260B/ 8270C/8018/ 8151
TCLP Metals	2	0	0	0	0	0	1311/6000/7000
Reactivity, Corrosivity, Ignitability	2	0	0	0	0	0	Chap 7
TPH	2	0	0	0	0	0	TX1005

Notes:
1 One duplicate per 10 samples (i.e., 10%).
2 One MS/MSD per 20 samples (i.e., 5%).
3 One rinsate blank per day.
4 One blank per source of decontamination water.
5 One trip blank per cooler containing VOC samples.
6 U.S. EPA, 1986. Test Methods for Evaluating Solid Wastes, Physical/Chemical Methods. SW-846, 3rd ed, up to and including Update III.
7 Metals include arsenic, barium, cadmium, chromium, copper, hexavalent chromium, lead, mercury, nickel, selenium, silver and zinc.
8 TCLP organics include VOCs, SVOCs, pesticides and herbicides.



SITE MANAGER: D. LINDSAY		TETRA TECH NUS, INC. Houston, Texas	FIGURE 3-1
CHECKED BY: L. BASILIO			PROPOSED MONITORING WELL LOCATIONS SWMU 9
DRAWN BY: J. FLESCH			
DATE: 03-17-04	SCALE: 1"=400'		
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In addition to the samples to be collected from each well, QA/QC samples will also be obtained including duplicate (10 percent) and matrix spike/matrix spike duplicate (MS/MSD) (5 percent) samples.

Land surveying of the horizontal and vertical positions of the newly installed monitoring wells will be conducted.

Additionally, a round of groundwater level measurements will be collected from all of the monitoring wells at SWMU 9. In addition, water level measurements will be collected from the nine existing background monitoring wells.

A SI report will be prepared to document the results of the investigation.

3.2 BACKGROUND STUDY

The objective of the background study is to update the existing site background value for arsenic in groundwater. The current arsenic background concentration in groundwater is 50 ug/L. This value was determined in the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Background Investigation Report, dated November 1996. Since issuance of that report the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for arsenic was lowered to 10 ug/L. Therefore the current background value is no longer valid and requires updating. An update to the existing site background study is required to determine if the site background concentration for arsenic is greater than 10 ug/L.

Groundwater samples will be collected from nine existing background wells at NAS Corpus Christi. A total of nine groundwater samples plus QA/QC samples will be collected from these background wells. The groundwater samples will be submitted to a fixed-base laboratory for analysis of arsenic only. The locations of ten background wells are shown on Figure 2-2. Only nine of the background wells will be sampled. Table 3-1 presents the sampling and analyses summary.

A Background Report Update letter report will be prepared to amend the existing RCRA Background Investigation Report.

3.3 SITE WARNING SIGNS

Six site warning signs will be removed and replaced at IR Sites 1, 3 and 4. The locations of the signs will be identified by NAS Corpus Christi personnel. The signs will be constructed of aluminum approximately 30 inches by 16 inches in size. Four of the signs will be placed on posts, one sign will be installed on a fence and one sign secured to a concrete building. Signs requiring posts will be affixed to aluminum or hot-dipped galvanized metal posts at a height of 5 feet. Metals posts will be set into holes 36 inches deep by 10 inches wide and will be capped to prevent moisture/rainfall intrusion. The signs will have a blue background with yellow lettering. The message on each sign will be as follows:

INSTALLATION RESTORATION SITE
No Recreational Usage or
Soil Disturbance.
Call Public Works
Environmental Office
(361) 961-3776

The existing signs and posts will be removed and disposed of as municipal waste in a dumpster identified by NAS Corpus Christi personnel. Soil excavated from the existing or new sign posts will not require disposal and will be spread out at the site.

4.0 REPORTS

At the conclusion of the field effort, TtNUS will prepare two reports. One report will be a SI Report for SWMU 9. The second report will be a Background Report Update.

The SI report will include the following items, as appropriate:

- A separate discussion of field activities, site-specific geology, groundwater analytical results, findings, conclusions and recommendations;
- Preparation of summary tables of detected constituents of concern;
- Groundwater Analytical data will be compared to TRRP Residential Tier 1 PCLs; and
- Production of maps and drawings indicating the final locations of all environmental samples.

The Background Report Update will be a letter report and will include the following items, as appropriate:

- A separate discussion of field activities, groundwater analytical results, findings, conclusions and recommendations;
- Preparation of summary tables of detected arsenic concentrations;
- Statistical evaluation of groundwater analytical data and determination of background concentration for arsenic; and
- Production of maps and drawings indicating the final locations of all environmental samples.

5.0 PROJECT SCHEDULE

Provided as Table 5-1 is the estimated project schedule for each of the tasks described in this Work Plan.

TABLE 5-1

PROJECT SCHEDULE
SITE INVESTIGATION & BACKGROUND REPORT UPDATE
NAS CORPUS CHRISTI

TASK	ESTIMATED START DATE	ESTIMATED END DATE	DURATION (DAYS)
Final Work Plan and HASP to Navy	24Sep04	24Sep04	1
Field Event	08Oct04	25Oct04	17
Prepare Draft Site Investigation Letter Report	26Oct04	02Feb05	98
Prepare Draft Background Report Update	26Oct04	17Jan05	83

6.0 REFERENCES

Halff Associates, Inc., 1996. RCRA Background Investigation for Naval Air Station Corpus Christi, Texas. November 1996

Naval Energy and Environmental Support Activity, 1984. Initial Assessment Study of Naval Air Station Corpus Christi, Texas, NEESA 13-039. February 1984.

Resource Engineering, Inc., 1986. Site Characterization Investigation Study and Recommendations for Remedial Actions, Naval Air Station, Corpus Christi, Texas. December 1986.

TCEQ (Texas Commission on Environmental Quality), 2002. Review and Reporting of COC Concentration Data. TCEQ Regulatory Guidance, Remediation Division, RG-366/TRRP13. Austin, Texas. December 2002.

APPENDIX A

QUALITY ASSURANCE PROJECT PLAN

Quality Assurance Project Plan
for
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%R	Percent Recovery
bgs	below ground surface
CLP	Contract Laboratory Program
COC	Chain-of Custody
DOT	U.S. Department of Transportation
EPA	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
FCR	Field Change Request
FOL	Field Operations Leader
FSP	Field Sampling Plan
ft	feet
FTMR	Field Task Modification Records
HASP	Health and Safety Plan
ID	Inner Diameter
IDW	Investigation derived waste
LCS	Laboratory Control Sample
mg/kg	milligrams per kilogram
mg/L	milligrams per liter
MS	Matrix Spike
MSD	Matrix Spike Duplicate
NAD	North American Datum
NAS	Naval Air Station
NAVD	North American Vertical Datum
NFESC	Naval Facilities Engineering Service Center
NSF	National Sanitation Foundation
NTU	Nephelometric Turbidity Unit
PARCC	Precision, Accuracy, Representativeness, Comparability, Completeness
PID	Photoionizaton detector
PMO	Program Management Office
POC	Point of Contact
PPE	Personal Protective Equipment
PVC	Polyvinyl Chloride
QA	Quality Assurance
QAM	Quality Assurance Manager
QAPP	Quality Assurance Project Plan

QC	Quality Control
RCI	Reactivity, Corrosivity, Ignitability
RCRA	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
RPD	Relative Percent Difference
RPM	Remedial Project Manager
SAP	Sampling and Analysis Plan
SI	Site Investigation
SOP	Standard Operating Procedure
SOUTHDIV	Southern Division of the Naval Facilities Engineering Command
SVOC	Semivolatile organic compound
SWMU	Solid Waste Management Unit
TCLP	Toxicity Characteristics Leaching Procedure
TOM	Task Order Manager
TPH	Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons
TtNUS	Tetra Tech NUS, Inc.
U.S.	United States
UTL	Upper Tolerance Limit
VOC	Volatile organic compound
WP	Work Plan

1.0 INTRODUCTION

This Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) has been prepared in support of the site investigation (SI) and groundwater sampling activities to be conducted at the North Gate Disposal Area – Solid Waste Management Unit (SWMU) 9 located at Naval Air Station (NAS) Corpus Christi, Texas.

This QAPP is an appendix to the Work Plan, and describes the work to be performed during the SI to determine if impacts to groundwater have occurred by installing groundwater monitoring wells and collecting groundwater samples at SWMU 9. The information gathered during the SI will be used to provide data to characterize the site and will be used to support further investigations, if required. To support the SI at SWMU 9, a groundwater background study for arsenic will also be conducted.

The following documents are also part of the planning documents for the groundwater sampling activities to be conducted at SWMU 9:

- Work Plan (addresses site specific issues such as sample locations, sample quantities, etc.)

- Health and Safety Plan (maintained under separate cover).

The QAPP is divided into two sections. The first section is the Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP) and the second section is the Quality Assurance/Quality Control (QA/QC) Plan.

2.0 SAMPLING AND ANALYSIS PLAN

This SAP discusses the general sampling operations, procedures, and proper documentation which will be performed as a part of the SI at SWMU 9 and the groundwater background study at NAS Corpus Christi. The section is primarily a "How-to Manual", which coupled with the referenced Tetra Tech NUS, Inc. (TtNUS) Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) dictates the field work protocol. A copy of the referenced SOPs is located on the internet at http://webmail.nus.tetratech.com/, is maintained at the TtNUS Houston office, is included with this QAPP Plan as Appendix B, and will be available on-site during field work activities. Site specific information regarding sample locations, sample quantities, and site background is contained in the Work Plan (WP), which is prepared under separate cover.

2.1 FIELD OPERATIONS

Following approval of the Planning Documents (WP, QAPP, and Health and Safety Plan [HASP]), TtNUS will begin mobilization activities. Field team members will review the planning documents prior to the start of project activities. In addition, a field team orientation meeting will be held to ensure that personnel are familiar with the scope of the field activities.

The Field Operations Leader (FOL) is designated as the lead in coordinating all day-to-day site activities during the investigation. The FOL is responsible for assuring that all field team members (including subcontractors) are familiar with the WP, QAPP, and HASP. Additionally, the FOL is responsible for all sampling operations, field QA/QC, field documentation requirements, and field change orders. The FOL will also regularly report to the Task Order Manager (TOM) regarding the status of field work and any problems that may occur. The FOL will coordinate the mobilization activities upon arrival at the facility.

Prior to the initiation of field work, the FOL will arrive at the site to begin mobilization activities. These activities will include coordination with base personnel and the clearing of drilling locations for utilities. The majority of the equipment required for the field activities will be shipped from the TtNUS Houston warehouse to the site. After field activities are completed, the FOL will demobilize the equipment.

Site preparation is coordinated through NAS Corpus Christi personnel. The Point-of-Contact (POC) at NAS Corpus Christi is Mr. Michael Hilger. Additional details regarding responsibilities and authorities of key personnel are presented in Section 3.2 of the QAPP.

SWMU 9 is located near the tarmac and flight operations area of NAS Corpus Christi. Because of the proximity of the drilling operation to flight operations, special precautions are necessary. TtNUS field crew and subcontractor personnel will be required to attend a 4-hour Ramp Safety Course. Vehicles will be required to fly orange and white flight safety flags. The drilling rig, support equipment and supplies will be demobilized from the SWMU 9 location at the end of each day. Demobilization each day is necessary to prevent the accidental unsupervised release of any material that may interfere with flight operations.

2.2 SOIL BORING/MONITORING WELL INSTALLATION

The borings will be installed using a hollow stem auger drilling rig with continuous split-spoon sampling to the bottom of the boring and logged in general accordance with methods provided in TtNUS SOPs GH-1.3 and GH-1.5. The borings will be drilled to a depth sufficient to encounter the first water-bearing zone and to install a monitoring well (estimated at no greater than 20 feet below ground surface [bgs]). Soil samples will be collected for lithologic description only. Soil samples will not be collected for laboratory analysis.

Samples obtained from the boreholes will be monitored immediately upon opening with a photoionization detector (PID) organic vapor analyzer. These readings will be recorded on the boring logs.

A lithologic description of each sample and a complete log of each boring is maintained by the TtNUS field geologist. At a minimum, the boring log will contain the following information:

- Boring Identification
- Name of Drilling Contractor
- Sample Numbers and Types
- Sample Depths
- Sample Recovery/Sample Interval
- Soil Density or Cohesiveness
- Soil Color
- USCS Material Description
- Location of Boring
- Drilling and well construction problems/deviations from project specific SAP

In addition, depths of changes in lithology, sample moisture observations, depth to water, vapor readings, drilling methods, and total depth of each borehole are included on each log, as well as any other pertinent observations. An example boring log form is included in Attachment A.

Upon reaching the total depth of the boring as directed by the site geologist, the soil boring will be converted into a permanent monitoring well as described below.

The monitoring wells will be constructed of Schedule 40, flush-jointed, 2-inch inner diameter (ID) National Sanitation Foundation (NSF) polyvinyl chloride (PVC) well screen and PVC riser pipe. The well screens will be 10-feet long with a slot size of 0.01 inch and will be supplied with an end cap. In general, the well screen will be located within the boring so that the top of the screen is no more than 2-feet higher than the level where water was first encountered and will extend to at least 5-feet, but no more than 10-feet below the top of the saturated zone. After the screen and the riser pipe are in place, the annulus of the boring will be backfilled with clean silica sand (Nos. 20/30 or 20/40 U.S. Standard Sieve size) filter pack from the bottom of the boring to 2 to 3 feet above the top of the well screen. The augers shall be pulled up slowly and the sand allowed to settle to ensure that an adequate filter pack is installed around the entire well screen. A bentonite pellet seal (minimum 2 foot thickness) will be installed above the filter pack and will be hydrated using potable water. The depths of the backfill materials will be constantly monitored during the monitoring well installation with a weighted stainless steel or plastic tape. Because the groundwater in the area is expected to be shallow (i.e., less than 5 feet bgs), the thickness of the sand and bentonite above the top of the well screen may be reduced. The monitoring wells will be grouted and finished with a stick-up cover and concrete surface pad with four bollards painted with a high visibility yellow paint surrounding the pad.

The monitoring wells will be developed after installation to remove fine materials from around the well screen. Wells will be developed by bailing and surging, and/or by pumping as determined by the field geologist. Measurements of pH, temperature, and specific conductance will be collected after each well casing volume is removed and recorded in the field logbook. Well development will proceed until the water is clear to the eye. A minimum of five well volumes (standing water volume in the well column) will be removed. A maximum of two 55-gallon drums will be removed. If the extracted water does not clear after the removal of a total of 110 gallons of fluid, the TOM and Navy will be notified, and a decision made on whether to continue well development activities.

A round of groundwater-level measurements will be collected from the permanent monitoring wells at SWMU 9. The information obtained will be used to refine the known depth, flow direction, and gradient of the groundwater. The order of groundwater level measurements will be from wells indicating the least contaminant concentration (or non-detect) to the highest contaminant concentration, based on the most recent available data. All water-level measurements will be noted with the time and recorded to the nearest 0.01 foot. Wells will be permanently marked by the FOL indicating the referenced points of measurement and the reference points will be subsequently surveyed for location and elevation. Groundwater measurements will also be collected from the background monitoring wells.

2.3 FIELD MEASUREMENTS

Field measurements are recorded during field sampling operations. These measurements include ambient air quality and water quality parameters. Ambient air quality measurements include monitoring of organic vapors in the breathing zone during intrusive field investigation activities and monitoring of organic vapors emanating from site sources such as soil samples and boreholes.

Several monitoring instruments may be used during field activities, including the following:

- Photoionization detector
- Water Quality Meter

2.3.1 Equipment Calibration

As a rule, instruments will be calibrated prior to being shipped to the site, then calibrated prior to use according to the manufacturers instructions.

2.3.2 Field Instrument Preventive Maintenance Procedure/Schedule

Specific preventive maintenance procedures to be followed for field equipment are those recommended by the manufacturer and detailed in the SOPs. Field instruments will be checked and calibrated daily before use. Calibration checks will be documented on the calibration log form (Attachment A).

2.3.3 Field Corrective Action

Corrective action is the process of identifying, recommending, approving and implementing measures to counter unacceptable procedures or "out of quality control" performance that can affect data quality.

Corrective action in the field can be needed when the sample network is changed (i.e. more/less samples, sampling locations other than those specified, etc.), sampling procedures and/or field analytical procedures require modification, etc., due to unexpected conditions. Technical staff and project personnel will be responsible for reporting all suspected technical or QA nonconformances or suspected deficiencies of any activity or issued document by reporting the situation to the FOL or designee. The

FOL will be responsible for assessing the suspected problems in consultation with the TOM and making a decision based on the potential for the situation to affect the quality of the data. If it is determined that the situation warrants a reportable nonconformance requiring corrective action, then a nonconformance report will be initiated by the TOM.

The TOM will be responsible for ensuring that corrective action for nonconformances is initiated by:

- Evaluating reported nonconformances.
- Controlling additional work on nonconforming items.
- Determining disposition or action to be taken.
- Maintaining a log of nonconformances.
- Reviewing nonconformance reports and corrective action taken.
- Ensuring nonconformance reports are included in the final site documentation in project files.

If appropriate, the FOL will ensure that no additional work that is dependent on the nonconforming activity is performed until the corrective actions are completed.

Corrective action for field measurements may include the following:

- Repeat the measurement to check the error.
- Check for all proper adjustments for ambient conditions such as temperature.
- Check the batteries.
- Re-calibration.
- Check the calibration.
- Replace the instrument or measurement devices.
- Stop work (if necessary).

The FOL or his designee is responsible for all site activities. In this role, the FOL at times is required to adjust the site programs to accommodate site-specific needs. When it becomes necessary to modify a program, the responsible person notifies the FOL of the anticipated change and implements the necessary changes after obtaining the approval of the FOL. The change in the program will be documented on the field change request (FCR) that will be signed by the initiators and the FOL. The FCR shall be attached to the file copy of the affected document. The TOM must approve the change in writing or verbally prior to field implementation, if feasible. If unacceptable, the action taken during the period of deviation will be evaluated to determine the significance of any departure from established program practices and action taken. The FOL for the NAS Corpus Christi site is responsible for controlling, tracking, and implementing the identified changes.

Corrective actions will be implemented and documented in the field logbook. No staff member will initiate corrective action without prior communication of findings through the proper channels. If corrective actions are insufficient, work may be stopped. Calibration is documented on an Equipment Calibration Log form (see Attachment A). During calibration, an appropriate maintenance check is performed on each piece of equipment. If damaged or defective parts are identified during the maintenance check and it is determined that the damage could have an impact on the instrument's performance, the instrument is removed from service until the defective parts are repaired or replaced.

2.4 SURVEYING

A land surveyor registered in the State of Texas will survey the newly installed monitoring well locations. The horizontal location, ground surface elevation and top of PVC casing elevation will be measured. The horizontal and ground surface elevation will be measured to 0.1 foot and the top of casing elevation measured to 0.01 foot. Datum used will be North American Datum 1983 (NAD83) for horizontal and North American Vertical Datum 1988 (NAVD88) for vertical. Existing monitor wells will not be surveyed.

2.5 DECONTAMINATION

The equipment involved in field sampling activities is decontaminated prior to beginning work, during drilling and sampling activities, and at the completion of the project. This equipment includes the drilling rig, downhole tools and sampling equipment.

2.5.1 <u>Major Equipment</u>

Downhole drilling equipment, including downhole drilling tools, will be cleaned with a high-pressure sprayer between boreholes, whenever the drilling rig leaves the drill site prior to completing drilling operations, and at the conclusion of the drilling program.

Decontamination activities will take place at a predetermined area within the NAS Corpus Christi facility. The decontamination pad will be constructed by the drilling contractor. As stated earlier, no material or equipment will be allowed to remain at the SWMU 9 site overnight. The drilling contractor will mobilize and demobilize the decontamination pad daily.

2.5.2 Sampling Equipment

Soil samples will not be collected for laboratory analyses, therefore, decontamination of nondedicated reusable sampling equipment used for collecting samples (other than drilling tools as described in Section 2.5.1) is not applicable.

Non-dedicated groundwater sampling equipment will be decontaminated using a potable water and liquinox wash followed by a potable water rinse and distilled water rinse.

Field analytical equipment such as pH, conductivity, and temperature instrument probes will be rinsed first with analyte-free water, then with the sample liquid. Water level measurement devices will be rinsed with potable water.

Additional guidance for decontamination is supplied in TtNUS SOP SA-7.1.

2.6 WASTE HANDLING

Field investigations can generate four types of potentially contaminated wastes, namely; drill cuttings, decontamination fluids, development/purge water, and personal protective equipment (PPE). Based on the activities and types of contaminants present, none of the waste types are expected to represent a significant risk to human health or the environment if properly managed. Planned management of each of the waste types is provided in the following.

Drill Cuttings - Drill cuttings will be containerized in U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) approved (Specification 17-C/H) 55-gallon drums and staged on wooden pallets in an area established by TtNUS personnel and the Navy at Building 40. Drums will be sealed and labeled with drum contents, well/boring number and date.

Decontamination Fluids – Decontamination fluids will be containerized in DOT approved (Specification 17-C/H), 55-gallon drums and staged on wooden pallets in an area established by TtNUS personnel and the Navy at Building 40. Drums will be sealed and labeled with drum contents, well/boring number and date.

Development/Purge Water – Development/purge water will be containerized in DOT approved (Specification 17-C/H), 55-gallon drums and staged on wooden pallets in an area established by TtNUS personnel and the Navy at Building 40. Drums will be sealed and labeled with drum contents, well/boring number and date.

PPE - PPE will be double bagged and placed in the trash receptacles at the facility.

Investigation derived waste (IDW) generated will be stored at Building 40. Waste profiling will be completed as follows:

Solids – One solid aliquot will be collected from each drum of solids and composted into one sample. This solid sample will be analyzed for Toxicity Characteristic Leaching Procedure (TCLP) volatile organic compounds (VOCs), TCLP semivolatile organic compounds (SVOCs), TCLP Pesticides, TCLP Metals, total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH), and reactivity, corrosivity and ignitability (RCI).

Liquids – One liquid aliquot will be collected from each drum of liquids and composted into one sample. This liquid sample will be analyzed for TCLP VOCs, TCLP SVOCs, TCLP Pesticides, TCLP Metals, TPH and RCI.

Upon completion of waste profiling analyses, the results will be transmitted to NAS Corpus Christi personnel who will be responsible for manifesting and disposal of all IDW.

2.7 RECORDKEEPING

Various hard cover, bound record books are maintained for each field activity in accordance with TtNUS SOP SA-6.3. The Master Site Logbook serves as the overall record of field activities. Information included daily in the Master Site Logbook includes: daily field activities; weather conditions; name, arrival and departure times of personnel, visitors and subcontractors; management issues; etc. As appropriate, multiple field notebooks are also maintained. For example, each geologist supervising operations at specific sampling locations will maintain a separate field notebook.

The FOL is responsible for the maintenance and security of all field records. Eventually, all field records (chain-of-custody forms, sample logsheets, logbooks and notebooks) are docketed and incorporated in the central project file.

One other type of standardized field documentation exists. Field Task Modification Records (FTMRs) are specific forms initiated when a change to or deviation from procedures provided for in the project planning documents occurs. The procedure for requesting and recording field changes follows:

- The FOL notifies the TOM of the need for the change.

- If necessary, the TOM discusses the change with the pertinent individuals (e.g., Navy Remedial Project Manager [RPM] or TtNUS Quality Assurance Manager [QAM]). Verbal approval or denial of the proposed change is given at this time.

- The FOL then documents the change on an FTMR and forwards the form to the TOM at the earliest convenient time (e.g., end of the workweek).

- The TOM signs the form and distributes copies to the Navy RPM, QAM, FOL, and project file.

- A copy of the completed FTMR is attached to the field copy of the affected document.

2.8 ENVIRONMENTAL SAMPLING

This section discusses the sampling methodology, sample handling, packaging and shipping, sample nomenclature, sample custody and QA/QC samples for groundwater sampling activities performed at NAS Corpus Christi.

2.8.1 Subsurface Soil Sampling

Subsurface soil samples will be collected from soil borings using downhole samplers. Soil samples obtained from the borehole will be monitored with a PID. The soil from the sampler will be collected for lithologic description only. Soil samples will not be submitted for laboratory analysis.

2.8.2 Groundwater Sampling

Groundwater samples will be collected from monitoring wells using the low-flow purge sampling method. The goal of the procedure is to obtain a turbidity level of less than 10 nephelometric turbidity units (NTU) and to achieve a water level drawdown of less than 0.3 feet during purging and sampling. A peristaltic pump with 1/4-inch Teflon tubing will be used for well purging and groundwater sample collection.

The following steps to be used during groundwater sampling.

1. Measure PID head space gases while opening the monitoring well. If there is an indication of off-gassing when opening the well, the field team will step away from the well and wait 3-5 minutes to allow the vapors to dissipate and the PID measurement is below action levels. This time will also allow the water level within the column to return to equilibrium. Measure and record the water level immediately before placing the pump in the well.

2. Lower pump or tubing slowly into the well so that the pump intake is located at the center of the saturated screen length of the well. If possible keep the pump intake at least two feet above the bottom of the well, to minimize mobilization of sediment that may be present in the bottom of the well. Collection of turbidity free water samples may be difficult if there is three feet or less of standing water in the well.

3. Start with the initial pump rate set at approximately 0.1 liter/minute. Use a graduated cylinder and stopwatch to measure the pumping rate. Adjust pumping rates as necessary to prevent drawdown from exceeding 0.3 feet during purging. If no drawdown is noted, the pump rate may be increased (to a max of 0.4 liter/minute) to expedite the purging and sampling event. The pump rate will be reduced if turbidity is greater than 10 NTUs after all other field parameters have stabilized. If the well is pumped to dryness, sampling will be conducted as soon as sufficient fluid is present in the well.

4. Measure the well water level using the water level meter every five to 10 minutes. Record the well water level on the Low-Flow Purge Data Form (Attachment A).

5. Record on the Low-Flow Purge Data Form every 5 to 10 minutes the water quality parameters (pH, specific conductance, temperature, turbidity, oxidation-reduction potential and dissolved oxygen).

6. Measure the flow rate using a graduated cylinder. Remeasure the flow rate any time the pump rate is adjusted.

7. After stabilization is achieved, sampling can begin when a minimum of two saturated screen volumes have been removed and three consecutive readings, taken at 5 to 10 minute intervals, are within the following limits:
   - pH ±0.2 standard units
   - Specific conductance ±10%
   - Temperature ±10%

- Turbidity less than 10 NTUs
- Dissolved oxygen ±10%

8. If the above conditions have still not been met after the well has been purged for 4 hours, purging will be considered complete and sampling can begin. Record the final well stabilization parameters from the Low-Flow Purge Data Form onto the Groundwater Sample Log Form (Attachment A).

VOC samples are preferably collected first, directly into pre-preserved sample containers. Fill all sample containers by allowing the pump discharge to flow gently down the inside of the container with minimal turbulence. VOC and other analysis containers will be filled directly from the discharge tubing with the pump cycle reduced to its lowest setting to minimize volatilization of the chemicals. The groundwater samples to be submitted for laboratory analyses will be immediately labeled and placed on ice in an insulated cooler awaiting packing and shipment. Further guidance on groundwater sampling is provided in SOP SA-1.1.

2.8.3 Quality Control (QC) Samples

In addition to periodic calibration of field equipment and appropriate documentation, QC samples are collected or generated during sampling activities. QC samples include trip blanks, field sample duplicates, field blanks and equipment rinsate blanks. These types of QC samples are briefly described below:

- Trip Blanks. Trip blanks are volatile organic analysis sample containers filled with organic free water in the laboratory. Trip blanks are sent to the field and then back to the laboratory with the collected samples. Trip blanks are used to assess the accuracy of the sampling and analyses program. One trip blank will be submitted with each sample cooler containing samples for volatile organic analysis.

- Field Sample Duplicates. Field sample duplicates are two samples collected either: 1) independently at a sampling location in the case of ground water; or 2) as a single sample split into two portions in the case of soil or sediment. Field duplicates are used to assess the overall precision of the sampling and analyses program. Field duplicates will be collected at a rate of one per 10 environmental samples.

- Field Blanks. Field blanks are volatile organic analysis samples filled in the field from the source of distilled water used for decontamination. Field blanks are used to assess the accuracy of the sampling and analysis program. One field blank will be collected per source of decontamination water.

- Equipment Rinsate Blanks. Equipment rinsate blanks are obtained under representative field conditions by collecting the rinse water generated by running analyte-free water through or over sample collection equipment after decontamination and prior to use. One rinsate blank per 20 environmental samples will be collected per each type of sampling equipment used (i.e., bailer, split-spoon samples, hand tools, etc.). However, at least one equipment rinsate blank will be collected per site and/or per sampling event. A sampling event is matrix-specific, therefore, an equipment rinsate blank must be collected for each matrix sampled. If pre-cleaned, dedicated, or disposable sampling equipment is used, one rinsate blank must be collected as a "batch blank." Rinsate blanks are analyzed for the same chemical constituents as the associated environmental samples. Equipment rinsate blanks are used to assess the effectiveness of decontamination procedures.

- Matrix Spike/Matrix Spike Duplicates (MS/MSD). MS/MSDs are samples from a specific media that have been spiked with known quantities of analytes. MS/MSD samples are a form of laboratory QA/QC for determining if matrix interferences will prevent the detection of analytes of interest. MS/MSD samples will be analyzed at a rate of one MS/MSD per 20 environmental samples. For groundwater samples, collection of MS/MSD samples will involve filling two additional sets of sample containers.

The QC sample collection frequency shall (at a minimum) be as follows: five percent sample duplication (field duplicates) per media, one trip blank in each sample shipping container that contains samples for VOC analysis, one field blank per decontamination water source, and one equipment rinsate blank obtained per 20 samples collected by each type of sampling device.

2.9 SAMPLE HANDLING, PACKAGING AND SHIPPING

Sample handling includes the field-related considerations concerning the selection of sample containers, preservatives, allowable holding times and analyses requested. Sample nomenclature is addressed in Section 2.9.2. Sampling containers will be wrapped in plastic bubble-wrap to minimize the possibility of breakage and secured in sealed "Ziploc"-type plastic bags. The secured sample containers will then be placed in a sturdy cooler lined with a large plastic garbage bag. The cooler will be packed with a noncombustible, cushioning material to minimize container breakage. Samples will be cooled with bagged ice placed around the shoulders of the sample containers. The inside plastic bag liner will be sealed with a knot and the chain-of-custody will be sealed in a "Ziploc"-type plastic bag and taped to the inside of the cooler lid. For further details on sample packaging see SOP SA-6.1.

2.9.1 Field Sample Documentation

Sample documentation consists of the completion of chain-of-custody reports and matrix-specific sample logsheets. Chain-of-custody reports are discussed in Section 3.5 of the QAPP. Additionally, chain-of-custody reports are explained in the TtNUS SOPs SA-6.1 and SA-6.3. The sample logsheets contain information such as container source and description, sample type, and time, date, and method of sample collection. Any problems or unusual circumstances encountered during sample collection are noted on the form. Sample logsheets are sequentially numbered and placed in a sample logbook. Examples of sample logsheets for the various media are contained in Attachment A.

In addition, various hard cover, bound record books are maintained for each field activity. The Comprehensive Site Logbook includes weather conditions; name, arrival and departure times of personnel, visitors and contractors; management issues; etc. Various other field notebooks are also maintained. For example, each geologist supervising drilling operations at a specific sampling location will maintain a field notebook.

The FOL is responsible for the maintenance and security of all field records. Eventually, all field records (chain-of-custodies, sample logbooks, and notebooks) are docketed and incorporated in the project central file.

2.9.2 Sample Nomenclature

A sample identification system is used in the field to identify each sample taken during the sampling program in general accordance with this Section. The coding system provides a tracking record to allow the retrieval of information about a particular sample and to assure that each sample is uniquely identified.

Each sample is assigned a series of codes indicating the site, sample type, sample location, sample depth and sample round. The sample nomenclature system has been designed to maintain consistency between field, laboratory and data base sample numbers. In addition, the system facilitates cost-effective data evaluation as data can be easily sorted by matrix and/or by depth, etc.

2.9.2.1 General

The sample numbering system consists of distinct alphanumeric characters. The sample number shall be as follows where "A" indicates "alpha," "N" indicates "numeric," and "E" indicates "either"):

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Site Type Location

2.9.2.2 Sample Numbering

The various fields in the sample number will include the following:

- Site Identifier
- Sample Type
- Sample Location

The site identifier is a three-character field. The following site identifiers will be used for NAS Corpus Christi:

S09 – SWMU 9
BGW – Background Wells

The sample type is a two-character alpha field. Examples of sample types are as follows:

ID - Investigation Derived Waste Sample
MW – Monitoring Well (Groundwater Sample)

The sample type field will also be used to designate field Quality Control Samples, as follows:

QC - Quality Control (Duplicate)
TB - Trip Blank
FB - Field Blank
RB - Rinsate Blank (Equipment Blank)
AB - Ambient Condition Blank

Field quality control samples should be numbered sequentially (e.g., RB-001, FB-010, etc.).

The sample location is up to a six-character alpha/numeric field. Examples of sample location fields are as follows:

REI23 – existing well at SWMU 9
REI21 – existing well at SWMU 9
GW22 – existing well at SWMU 9
TT01 – newly installed TtNUS well at SWMU 9
BG104 – existing background well

Examples of complete sample numbers are as follows:

Field/Data Base ID	Description
S09-GW-TT01	A groundwater sample from TtNUS monitoring well 01 at SWMU 9.
S09-GW-REI23	A groundwater sample from existing monitoring well REI23 at SWMU 9.
BGW-QC-BG104	A duplicate groundwater sample from existing background monitoring well BG104.
BGW-RB-001	The first rinsate blank collected from the background wells.
S09-TB-004	The fourth trip blank collected at SWMU 9.

2.9.3 Sample Packaging and Shipping

Samples are packaged and shipped in general accordance with TtNUS SOP SA-6.1. The FOL is responsible for completion of the following forms:

- Sample labels
- Chain-of-custody forms
- Appropriate labels applied to shipping coolers
- Federal Express air bills

2.9.4 Sample Custody

Custody of samples will be maintained and documented at all times. Chain-of-custody begins with the collection of the samples in the field and the chain-of-custody form accompanies a sample (or group of samples) as it is transferred from person to person. TtNUS SOP SA-6.1 and SA-6.3 provides further details regarding the chain-of-custody procedures. Additional chain-of-custody requirements are discussed in Section 3.5 of the QAPP.

2.9.5 Sample Containers, Preservatives, and Volume Requirements

Sample containers, preservatives, holding times, and volume requirements are presented in Table 2-1 and Table 2-2.

TABLE 2-1

SAMPLE CONTAINERS, PRESERVATIVES, HOLDING TIMES AND VOLUME REQUIREMENTS ENVIROMENTAL SAMPLES

Matrix	Parameter	Number of Containers	Container Type [(1)]	Preservation	Holding Time [(2)]	Method [(3)]
Water	VOCs	3	3 x 40-ml vials	HCL to pH 2 Cool to 4 °C	14 days to analysis	SW-846 Method 8260B
Water	Total Metals [(4)]	1	1 x 500 ml HDPE	HNO3 to pH 2 Cool to 4 °C	28 days for mercury; 180 days for all others	SW-846 Method 6000/7000 Series

Notes:
1 Container type and volume may vary based upon the laboratory.
2 All holding times are from date of collection.
3 U.S. EPA, 1986. Test Methods for Evaluating Solid Wastes, Physical/Chemical Methods. SW-846, 3rd ed, up to and including Update III.
4 Metals include arsenic, barium, cadmium, chromium, copper, hexavalent chromium, lead, mercury, nickel, selenium, silver and zinc.

TABLE 2-2

SAMPLE CONTAINERS, PRESERVATIVES, HOLDING TIMES AND VOLUME REQUIREMENTS IDW SAMPLES

Parameter	Container Type (1)	Container Size	Preservation	Holding Time (2)	Method (3)
Toxicity Characteristic Leaching Procedure (TCLP) Volatiles	Wide-mouthed jar; Teflon-lined cap	32 oz(4)	Cool to 4°C	TCLP extraction 14 days; 7 days from extraction to analysis	SW-846 Method 1311 followed by SW-846 Method 8260B
Toxicity Characteristic Leaching Procedure (TCLP) Semivolatiles	Wide-mouthed jar; Teflon-lined cap	32 oz(4)	Cool to 4°C	TCLP extraction 14 days; 7 days from TCLP to preparative extraction; 40 days from preparative extraction to analysis	SW-846 Method 1311 followed by SW-846 Method 8270C
Toxicity Characteristic Leaching Procedure (TCLP) Pesticides	Wide-mouthed jar; Teflon-lined cap	32 oz(4)	Cool to 4°C	TCLP extraction 14 days; 7 days from TCLP to preparative extraction; 40 days from preparative extraction to analysis	SW-846 Method 1311 followed by SW-846 Method 8018A
Toxicity Characteristic Leaching Procedure (TCLP) Herbicides	Wide-mouthed jar; Teflon-lined cap	32 oz(4)	Cool to 4°C	TCLP extraction 14 days; 7 days from TCLP to preparative extraction; 40 days from preparative extraction to analysis	SW-846 Method 1311 followed by SW-846 Method 8151A
Toxicity Characteristic Leaching Procedure (TCLP) Metals	Wide-mouthed jar; Teflon-lined cap	32 oz(4)	Cool to 4°C	Mercury: TCLP extraction 28 days; 28 days from TCLP extraction to analysis. Other metals: TCLP extraction 180 days; 180 days from TCLP extraction to analysis	SW-846 Method 1311 followed by SW-846 Method 7470A/6010B
Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons	Wide-mouthed jar; Teflon-lined cap	4 oz	Cool to 4°C		TX 1005
Reactivity, Corrosivity, Ignitability	Wide-mouthed jar; Teflon-lined cap	8 oz	Cool to 4°C; zero headspace	Analyze as soon as possible (maximum 7 days)	SW-846 Chapter 7

Notes:
1 Container type and volume may vary based upon the laboratory.
2 All holding times are from date of collection.
3 U.S. EPA, 1986. Test Methods for Evaluating Solid Wastes, Physical/Chemical Methods. SW-846, 3rd ed, up to and including Update III.
4 A single 32 oz. container will provide sufficient volume for TCLP volatile, semivolatile, and metals analyses.

3.0 QUALITY ASSURANCE/QUALITY CONTROL PLAN

3.1 INTRODUCTION AND OBJECTIVES

This Quality Assurance/Quality Control (QA/QC) Plan addresses the protocols to be used to ensure that data collected during the Site Investigation meets the objectives provided in Section 3.0 of the Work Plan. This plan differs from the SAP in that it provides the basis upon which the quality of data is evaluated, whereas the SAP is a procedures document (i.e., - "How-to" Manual).

The project objectives for the NAS Corpus Christi SI at SWMU 9 are as follows:

- Determine if impact to groundwater has occurred as a result of past practices by investigating the horizontal extent of impact of groundwater.
- Determine the initial extent and location of the impacts for use in future subsurface studies, if needed.
- Update the existing site background value for arsenic in groundwater.

Tasks necessary to accomplish these objectives are outlined in the WP. These include the collection of groundwater samples in the vicinity of SWMU 9 and the collection of groundwater samples from existing site background wells.

3.2 PROJECT ORGANIZATION

The project organization for the NAS Corpus Christi SI is as follows:

Helen Lockard – Navy RPM
Michael Hilger – NAS Corpus Christi site contact
John Wright - Program Management Office (PMO) Technical Contact
Diane Lindsay - TOM
Larry Basilio - FOL

3.3 QUALITY ASSURANCE OBJECTIVES FOR MEASUREMENT DATA

The overall quality assurance objective for this project is to develop and implement procedures for field sampling, chain-of-custody, laboratory analysis and reporting that will provide results which are legally defensible in a court of law. Specific procedures for sampling, chain-of-custody, laboratory instrument calibration, laboratory analysis, reporting of data, internal quality control, audits, preventive maintenance of field and laboratory equipment, and corrective action are described in other sections of this QAPP. The PARCC parameters (precision, accuracy, representativeness, comparability, and completeness) are qualitative and/or quantitative statements regarding the quality characteristics of the data used to support project objectives and ultimately, environmental decisions. These parameters are discussed in the remainder of this section. Calculations used to assess the quantitative parameters (precision, accuracy, and completeness) are provided in Section 3.12.

3.3.1 Precision

Precision is a measure of the amount of variability and bias inherent in a data set. Precision describes the reproducibility of measurements of the same parameter for samples under similar conditions. The equation for determining precision is provided in Section 3.12.1.

Field duplicate precision monitors the consistency with which environmental samples were obtained and analyzed. Field duplicate results for solid matrix samples are considered to be precise if the relative percent difference (RPD) is less than or equal to 50 percent. Field duplicate results for aqueous matrix samples are considered to be precise if the RPD is less than or equal to 30 percent. Field precision is assessed through the collection and measurement of field duplicates at a rate of one duplicate per 10 environmental samples.

Laboratory precision quality control samples are analyzed at a frequency of five percent (i.e., one quality control sample per 20 environmental samples). Laboratory precision is measured via comparison of calculated RPD values and precision control limits specified in the analytical method or by the laboratory's QA/QC Program.

The analyses that will be completed for environmental samples collected during the SI at the NAS Corpus Christi, are as follows:

- Volatile Organic Compounds by SW-846 Method 8260B
- Total Metals by SW-846 Method 6000/7000 Series

Precision will be measured via the RPD results for laboratory duplicate samples. The RPD should be within the laboratory's method-specific statistically derived quality control limits.

3.3.2 Accuracy

Accuracy is the degree of agreement between an observed value and an accepted reference value. The equation for determining accuracy is provided in Section 3.12.2.

Accuracy in the field is assessed through the use of rinsate blanks and is ensured through the adherence to all sample handling, preservation and holding times. Accuracy and precision requirements for field measurements (total volatile organics, pH, specific conductivity, temperature, dissolved oxygen, and turbidity) are ensured through calibration as discussed in Section 3.6.

Accuracy in the laboratory is measured through the comparison of a spiked sample result against a known or calculated value expressed as a percent recovery (%R). Percent recoveries are derived from the analysis of known amounts of compounds spiked into deionized water [(i.e., laboratory control sample (LCS) analysis)], or into actual samples (i.e., surrogate or matrix spike analysis). These analyses measure the accuracy of laboratory operations as affected by matrix. Laboratory control sample and/or matrix spike analyses are performed with a frequency of one per 20 associated samples of like matrix. Surrogate spike analysis is performed for all chromatographic organic analyses. Laboratory accuracy is assessed via comparison of calculated percent recovery (%R) values with Accuracy Control Limits specified in the analytical method or by the laboratory's QA/QC Program.

The analyses that will be completed for environmental samples collected during the SI at the NAS Corpus Christi, are as follows:

- Volatile Organic Compounds by SW-846 Method 8260B
- Total Metals by SW-846 Method 6000/7000 Series

Accuracy for the above analyses, where appropriate, will be measured via surrogate percent recoveries, the percent recoveries for laboratory control samples, and matrix spike sample percent recoveries. The percent recoveries for all the aforementioned should be within the laboratory's method-specific statistically derived QC limits.

3.3.3 Representativeness

Representativeness is an expression of the degree to which the data accurately and precisely depict the actual characteristics of a population or environmental condition existing at an individual sampling point. Use of standardized sampling, handling, analytical, and reporting procedures ensures that the final data accurately represent actual site conditions.

Representativeness is dependent upon the proper design of the sampling program and will be satisfied by ensuring that the SAP is followed and that proper sampling techniques are used.

Representativeness in the laboratory is ensured by using the proper analytical procedures, meeting sample holding times, and analyzing and assessing field duplicate samples. The sampling network for the NAS Corpus Christi SI was designed to provide data representative of facility conditions. During development of this network, consideration was given to background information provided by the facility, past waste disposal practices, existing analytical data, physical setting and processes.

3.3.4 Completeness

Completeness is a measure of the amount of usable, valid analytical data obtained, compared to the amount expected to be obtained. Completeness is typically expressed as a percentage.

The ideal objective for completeness is 100 percent (i.e., every sample planned to be collected is collected; every sample submitted for analysis yields valid data). However, samples can be rendered unusable during shipping or preparation (e.g., bottles broken or extracts accidentally destroyed), errors can be introduced during analysis (e.g., loss of instrument sensitivity, introduction of ambient laboratory contamination), or strong matrix effects can become apparent (e.g., extremely low matrix spike recovery).

These instances result in data that do not meet QC criteria. Based on these considerations, 95 percent is considered an acceptable target for the data completeness objective. If critical data points are lost, resampling and/or reanalysis may be required.

With the exception of the screening data, one hundred percent of the laboratory data for the NAS Corpus Christi SI will be validated in accordance with the U.S. EPA Contract Laboratory Program (CLP) National Functional Guidelines for Organic Data Review (February 1994).

Field completeness is a measure of the amount of valid field measurements obtained from all the field measurements taken in the project. The equation for completeness is presented in Section 3.12.3. Field completeness for this project is expected to be 100 percent.

Laboratory completeness is a measure of the amount of valid laboratory measurements obtained from all the laboratory measurements taken in the project. Laboratory completeness for this project is expected to be at least 95 percent. If critical data points are lost, resampling and/or reanalysis may be required.

3.3.5 Comparability

Comparability is defined as the confidence with which one data set can be compared to another (e.g., between sampling points; between sampling events). Comparability is achieved by using standardized sampling and analysis methods, and data reporting formats (including use of consistent units of measure and reporting of solid matrix sample results on a dry-weight basis). Additionally, consideration is given to seasonal conditions and other environmental variations that could exist to influence data results.

Comparability is dependent upon the proper design of the sampling program and will be satisfied by ensuring that the SAP is followed and that proper sampling techniques are used. It is also dependent on recording field measurements using the correct units. Field measurement units are further discussed in Section 3.8.1.1.

Planned analytical data will be comparable when similar sampling and analytical methods are used and documented. Results will be reported in units that ensure comparability with previous data and with current state and Federal standards and guidelines. Laboratory measurement units are further discussed in Section 3.8.1.2.

3.3.6 Level of Quality Control Effort

Trip blank, field blank, rinsate blank, method blank, field duplicate, laboratory control and MS/MSD samples will be analyzed to assess the quality of the data resulting from the field sampling and analytical programs. Internal QC samples (i.e., laboratory QC samples) are discussed in Section 3.9 of this QAPP. External QC measures (i.e., field QC samples) consist of field duplicates, ambient blanks, trip blanks and equipment rinsate blanks. Information gained from these analyses further characterizes the level of data quality obtained to support project goals. Each of these types of field QC samples undergo the same preservation, analysis and reporting procedures as the related environmental samples. Each type of field QC sample is discussed below.

Field duplicates are either two samples collected independently at a sampling location (e.g., groundwater) or a single sample homogenized and split into two portions (e.g., soil). When VOCs are to be analyzed, the VOC sample aliquots are containerized first to avoid loss of constituents, then the remaining sample matrix is homogenized. Field duplicates are collected and analyzed for chemical constituents to measure the precision of the sampling and analysis methods employed. The general level of the QC effort will be one field duplicate for every 10 or fewer investigative samples of same matrix matrix.

Trip blanks and ambient blanks will be submitted for analyses to provide the means to assess the quality of the data resulting from the field sampling program. Field blanks, also called ambient blanks, are analyzed to check for interfering contaminants that could potentially be present in ambient air at the sampling site (e.g., volatile compounds in an area where fumes are typically present or metal particulates on a windy day in a dry, dusty area). Field blanks are collected at the sampling location(s) by placing analyte-free water directly into the same types of containers, preserved and stored in the same manner, as field samples. The exposure of field blanks to ambient conditions should be similar to the exposure of field samples. Field blanks will be collected at a frequency of one per day. Field blanks are also discussed in Section 2.8.3 of the SAP.

Trip blanks pertain to VOCs only. Trip blanks are used to assess the potential for contamination of VOCs resulting from contaminant migration into sample bottles/jars during sample shipment and storage. Trip blanks are prepared by the laboratory using organic-free reagent water prior to the sampling event. They are shipped to the site with the sample containers and kept with the investigative samples throughout the sampling event. They are then packaged for shipment with other VOC environmental samples and sent to the laboratory for analysis. At no time after trip blank preparation are the trip blank sample containers opened before they reach the laboratory. One trip blank will be included in each sample shipping container that contains samples for VOC analysis.

Equipment rinsate blanks are used to assess the effectiveness of decontamination procedures. Equipment rinsate blanks pertain to aqueous samples only. Equipment rinsate blanks are obtained under representative field conditions by collecting the rinse water generated by running analyte-free water through sample collection equipment after decontamination and then placing the rinse water in the appropriate sample container for analysis. Rinsate blanks will be collected at a frequency of one rinsate blank per 20 environmental samples per each type of sampling equipment used. If pre-cleaned, dedicated, or disposable sampling equipment is used, one rinsate blank must be collected as a "batch blank." Rinsate blanks are analyzed for the same chemical constituents as the associated environmental samples.

MSs are investigative samples analyzed to provide information about the effect of the sample matrix on the digestion and measurement methodology. All MSs for organic analyses are performed in duplicate and, as previously defined, are referred to as MS/MSD samples. One MS/MSD sample will be collected/designated for every 20 or fewer investigative samples per sample matrix (groundwater and soil). Extra sample volume (i.e., triplicate volume) must be collected for samples designated for MS/MSD analysis for VOCs and extractable organics.

3.4 SAMPLING PROCEDURES

Field sampling procedures and investigation tasks for the NAS Corpus Christi SI are discussed in detail in the attendant SAP as follows:

- Field Operations - Section 2.1
- Soil Boring/Monitoring Well Installation – Section 2.2
- Field Measurements - Section 2.3
- Surveying - Section 2.4
- Decontamination procedures - Section 2.5
- Waste Handling - Section 2.6
- Recordkeeping - Section 2.7
- Environmental Sampling - Section 2.8
- Sample handling, packaging and shipping procedures - Section 2.9

3.5 CUSTODY PROCEDURES

Custody is one of several factors which is necessary for the admissibility of environmental data as evidence in a court of law. Custody procedures help to satisfy the two major requirements for admissibility: relevance and authenticity. Sample custody is addressed in three parts: field sample collection, laboratory analysis, and final evidence files. Final evidence files, including all originals of laboratory reports and purge files, are maintained under document control in a secure area. A sample or evidence file is under custody if:

- the item is in the actual physical possession of an authorized person;
- the item is in view of the person after being in his or her possession;
- the item was placed in a secure area to prevent tampering; or,
- the item is in a designated and identified secure area with access restricted to authorized personnel only.

The chain-of-custody (COC) report is a multi-part, standardized form used to summarize and document pertinent sample information, such as sample identification and type, matrix, date and time of collection, preservation, and requested analyses. Furthermore, through the sequential signatures of various sample custodians (e.g., sampler, airbill number, laboratory sample custodian), the COC report documents sample custody and tracking. Custody procedures apply to all environmental and associated field quality control samples obtained as part of the data collection system.

3.5.1 Field Custody Procedures

The FOL (or designee) is responsible for the care and custody of the samples collected until they are relinquished to the analyzing laboratory or entrusted to a commercial overnight courier. COC reports are completed for each sample shipment. The reports are filled out in a legible manner, using waterproof ink, and are signed and dated by the sampler. Pertinent notes, such as whether the sample was field filtered, or whether the sample is suspected to be high in contaminant concentration, are also indicated on the COC report. Information similar to that contained in the COC report is also provided on the sample label, which is securely attached to the sample bottle. In addition, sample labels will be affixed to the sample bottles and will be returned by the analytical laboratory for inclusion in the final evidence file. COC report forms and sample labels will be supplied by the laboratory subcontractor. In accordance with Naval Facilities Engineering Service Center (NFESC) guidelines, samples for chemical constituent analyses must be sent (for next-day receipt) to the laboratory within 24-hours of collection.

Full details regarding sample chain-of-custody (including use of custody seals and sample shipment protocols) are contained in TtNUS SOP SA-6.1. TtNUS SOP SA-6.3 discusses maintenance of site logbooks, site notebooks, and other field records. All sample records are eventually docketed into the TtNUS project central file.

3.5.2 Laboratory Custody Procedures

When samples are received by the laboratory subcontractor, the laboratory's sample custodian examines each cooler's custody seals to verify that they are intact and that the integrity of the environmental samples has been maintained. The sample custodian then signs the COC report. The custodian then opens the cooler and measures its internal temperature. The temperature reading is noted on the accompanying COC report. The sample custodian then examines the contents of the cooler. Sample container breakages or discrepancies between the COC report and sample label documentation are recorded. The pH of chemically preserved samples is checked using Hydrion paper and recorded. All problems or discrepancies noted during this process are to be promptly reported to the TtNUS TOM.

Other pertinent issues relating to sample custody, such as inter-laboratory chain-of-custody procedures and specific procedures for sample handling, storage, dispersement for analysis, and remnant disposal, are discussed in the laboratory SOPs.

3.5.3 Final Evidence Files

The TtNUS central file will be the repository for all documents which constitute evidence relevant to sampling and analysis activities as described in this QAPP. TtNUS is the custodian of the evidence file and maintains the contents of these files for the SI, including all relevant records, reports, logs, field notebooks, photographs, subcontractor reports and data reviews in a secure, limited access location and under custody of the TtNUS facility manager. The control file will include at a minimum:

- field logbooks
- field data and data deliverables
- photographs
- drawings
- soil boring logs
- laboratory data deliverables
- data validation reports
- data assessment reports
- progress reports, QA reports, interim project reports, etc.
- all custody documentation (tags, chain-or-custody forms, airbills, etc.)

Upon completion of the contract, all pertinent files will be relinquished to the custody of the Navy.

3.6 CALIBRATION PROCEDURES AND FREQUENCY

All instrumentation used to perform chemical measurements must be properly calibrated prior to use in order to obtain valid and usable results. The requirement to properly calibrate instruments prior to use applies equally to field instruments as it does to fixed laboratory instruments.

3.6.1 Field Instrument Calibration

Field instrument calibration is discussed in Section 2.3 of the attendant SAP.

3.6.2 Laboratory Instrument Calibration

Calibration of laboratory instrumentation will be performed in accordance with the laboratory-specific QA/QC manual maintained by the laboratory for each specific analytical method being performed. This manual will be reviewed by TtNUS for compliance with the Southern Division of the Naval Facilities Engineering Command (SOUTHDIV) requirements as part of the subcontract laboratory award process.

3.7 ANALYTICAL PROCEDURES

3.7.1 Field Measurements

Field measurements to be completed during the field investigation will include those completed in support of health and safety considerations. Chemical/physical parameters to be measured using field instrumentation include volatile organics as methane equivalents (breathing zone air and soil vapors) and water quality parameters. Measurement of field parameters is discussed in Section 2.3 (Field Measurements) of the SAP. Calibration of field instruments is discussed in Section 3.6 of this QAPP.

3.7.2 Laboratory Analytical Measurements

Groundwater samples will be analyzed using EPA published methods. Quantitation and detection limits will be adjusted, as necessary, based on dilutions and sample volume.

In addition to the field quality control samples (duplicates, rinsate blanks, etc.) discussed in Section 3.3.6 of this QAPP, laboratory quality control samples including MS/MSD samples, method blanks, preparation blanks, etc. will be analyzed as required by EPA SW-846 methods.

3.8 DATA REDUCTION, VALIDATION, AND REPORTING

This section describes the procedures to be used for data reduction, validation, and reporting for the NAS Corpus Christi SI. All data generated during the course of the SI will be maintained in hard copy form in the central files of the TtNUS Houston, Texas, office.

3.8.1 Data Reduction

Data reduction will be completed for both field measurements and laboratory-generated analytical data. Field data reduction will be relatively limited versus the degree of laboratory data reduction required for the project. Reduction of both field data and laboratory data are discussed in the remainder of this section.

3.8.1.1 Field Data Reduction

Field data will be generated as a result of real time measurement of organic vapor concentrations via a PID (for health and safety monitoring) and measurement of water quality parameters.

Field measurements will be recorded in the site logbook and incorporated into the SI report. If an error is made in the logbook, the error will be legibly crossed out (single-line strikeout), initialed and dated by the field member, and corrected in a space adjacent to the original (erroneous) entry.

3.8.1.2 Laboratory Data Reduction

Laboratory analytical data will be reported using standard concentration units to ensure comparability with regulatory standards/guidelines and previous analytical results. Reporting units for solid and aqueous matrices for the various classes of chemicals under consideration are as follows.

Groundwater samples:

- VOCs – milligrams per liter (mg/L)
- SVOCs – mg/L
- Pesticides – mg/L
- PCBs – mg/L
- Total Metals – mg/L
- TPH – mg/L

Soil samples (IDW):

- VOCs – milligrams per kilogram (mg/kg)
- SVOCs – mg/kg
- Pesticides – mg/kg
- PCBs – mg/kg
- Total Metals – mg/kg

- TPH – mg/kg

No manipulation of these results for reporting purposes will be necessary once the results are received by the laboratory (with the possible exception of the elimination of false positives as a result of data validation as discussed in Section 3.8.2).

Determination of average concentrations for duplicate samples will be necessary because duplicate samples will be collected as a quality control measure. Arithmetic means will be determined for duplicate samples for reporting purposes in summary tables in the SI Report. The original duplicate sample results will be presented in an Appendix to the SI Report. Averages for duplicates will be determined using distinct equations which are contingent upon the analytical results for the duplicate samples. The equations to be used are as follows:

<u>Positive result for both the original and duplicate sample</u>:

Average = (Original Result + Duplicate Result)/2

<u>Nondetect for both the original and duplicate sample</u>:

Average = (Original Detection Limit + Duplicate Detection Limit)/4

<u>Nondetect for one sample and positive result for the other (detection limit/2 < result)</u>:

Average = (Detection Limit/2 + Positive Result)/2

<u>Nondetect for one sample and positive result for the other (detection limit/2 ≥ result)</u>:

Average = Positive Result

Note that the preceding treatment of average results includes the handling of nondetects quantitatively as values equal to one-half the detection limit. This is a procedure typically used for the handling of nondetects.

3.8.2 Data Validation

Validation of field measurements and laboratory analytical data are discussed in this section. Validation of field data will be limited to real time "reality" checks whereas laboratory analytical data will be validated in accordance with current U.S. EPA and method-specific guidance. Validation of field measurements is discussed in Section 3.8.2.1. Validation of laboratory analytical data is discussed in Section 3.8.2.2.

3.8.2.1 Field Measurement Data Validation

Field measurements will not be subjected to a formal data validation process. However, field technicians will ensure that the equipment used for field measurement is performing accurately via compliance with TtNUS SOPs.

3.8.2.2 Laboratory Data Validation

Full data validation will not be performed. A quality assurance review of the environmental samples will be completed by TtNUS personnel. The review will include a verfication of field and laboratory blank results in accordance with the National Functional Guidelines for Organics (as applicable to analysis by gas chromatography). Emphasis will be placed on holding time compliance, equipment calibration, spike recoveries and blank results.

3.8.3 Data Reporting

This section discusses data reporting requirements for field and laboratory analytical data. Section 3.8.3.1 discusses field measurement data handling and reporting. Section 3.8.3.2 discusses laboratory data handling and reporting.

3.8.3.1 Field Measurement Data Reporting

Field data will be reported in the units discussed in Section 3.8.1.1. The SI Report will include a comprehensive data base including all field data.

Records regarding field measurements (i.e., field logbooks, sampling logbooks and sample logsheets) will be placed in the TtNUS Houston office files upon completion of the field effort. Entry of these results in the data base will require removal of these results from the files. Outcards will be used to document the removal of any such documentation from the files (date, person, subject matter). Field measurement data will be reported in an appendix of the SI Report at a minimum and may also be reported in summary fashion if they are indicative of the presence of contamination.

3.8.3.2 Laboratory Data Reporting

Environmental and field quality control sample results (duplicates, rinsate blanks) will be included in the SI Report as an appendix. The data base will include pertinent sampling information such as sample number, sampling date, general location, depth, and survey coordinates (if applicable). Sample-specific detection limits will be reported for nondetected analytes. Units will be clearly summarized in the data base and will conform to those identified in Section 3.8.1.2.

Data will be handled electronically pursuant to the electronic deliverable requirements specified in TtNUS's Technical Specification for Laboratory Services. This agreement requires the analytical laboratories to provide data in both hard copy and electronic form. The original electronic diskettes and the original hard copy analytical data are maintained in the TtNUS Pittsburgh office central files as received.

Validation will be completed using the hard copy data. Upon completion of validation of a Sample Delivery Group and review by the Data Validation Coordinator, the validation qualifiers will be entered in the electronic data base and will be subjected to independent review for accuracy. During this review process, the electronic data base printout will also be contrasted with the hard copy data to ensure that the hard copy data and electronic data are consistent.

The TtNUS Chemistry Department will be responsible for laboratory data reporting subject to oversight by the Data Validation Coordinator. Key data handling personnel within the Department include the Data Validation Coordinator and the Information Management Systems Group Leader. A summary of the validation results (actions taken and completeness, precision and accuracy) will be provided in the SI Report and example data validation memoranda and analytical data packages will be provided upon request.

3.8.4 Background Data Reporting

This section presents approach and statistical methods to be used to determine the background concentration of arsenic in groundwater. The guidance pertaining to the statistical analysis was obtained from the following documents:

1. Interim Final Guidance - Guidance Document on the Statistical Analysis of Groundwater Monitoring Data at RCRA Facilities, EPA 530/SW-B9-026, 1989.
2. Addendum to Interim Final Guidance - Guidance Document on the Statistical Analysis of Groundwater Monitoring Data at RCRA Facilities, July 1992.
3. Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, Chapter 350 –Risk Reduction Program Rule, Section 350.79, Comparison of Chemical of Concern Concentration to Protective Concentration Levels.
4. Gilbert, R. O., Statistical Methods for Environmental Pollution Monitoring, Van Norstrand Reinhold, New York, New York, 1987.

The following sequence of steps will be followed during data analysis:

- Step 1 – Data Organization and Screening
- Step 2 – Consideration of Nondetect Data
- Step 3 – Normality Testing
- Step 4 – Calculation of Upper Tolerance Limit (UTL)

Step 1 – Data Organization and Screening

The data will be validated as specified in Section 3.8.2. The data will be loaded into spreadsheets for later statistical analysis.

Step 2 – Consideration of Nondetect Data

The method of statistical analysis will be defined after reviewing the number of nondetect values in the data set. The percentage of nondetect values (data with “U” or “UJ” qualifiers) will be calculated to determine the statistical method to be employed to determine the UTL. Rejected values (values with “R” or “UR” qualifiers) will be excluded from consideration.

Step 3 – Normality Testing

As explained above, it is possible to calculate a parametric UTL if less than half of all samples are nondetects. After replacing each nondetect by half its reported detection limit, the distribution type of the data will be analyzed to determine whether the data were drawn from an underlying normal, log-normal or undetermined distribution. The Shapiro-Wilk test will be used to determine the normality of the data set.

Step 4 – Calculation of UTLs

Once the normality of the of data is determined, the UTL can be calculated. The UTL calculated will represent UTLs with 95% coverage and 95% confidence. The UTL can be parametric or non-parametric depending on the distribution of the data set.

3.9 INTERNAL QUALITY CONTROL CHECKS

Field-related Quality Control checks were discussed in Section 3.3 of this QAPP and in Section 2.8.3 of the attendant SAP. This section provides additional information regarding internal quality control checks for the field and the laboratory.

3.9.1 Field Quality Control Checks

Quality Control procedures for pH, specific conductance, temperature and turbidity will include calibrating the instruments as described in Section 3.6 of this QAPP. Assessment of field sampling precision and bias will be made by collection of field duplicates and rinsate blanks for laboratory analysis. Collection of quality control samples will be in accordance with the procedures provided in Section 2.8.3 of the SAP.

3.9.2 Laboratory Quality Control Checks

The identified subcontract laboratory has a quality control program that ensures the reliability and validity of the analyses performed at the laboratory. Analytical procedures are documented in writing as SOPs.

3.10 PERFORMANCE AND SYSTEM AUDITS

Performance and system audits will be performed by TtNUS as necessary to ensure that work is being implemented in accordance with the approved project plans and in an overall satisfactory manner. Such audits will be performed by various personnel and will include evaluation of field, laboratory, data validation and data reporting processes. Examples of pertinent audits are as follows:

- The FOL will supervise and check daily that the field measurements are made accurately, equipment is thoroughly decontaminated, samples are collected and handled properly, and fieldwork is documented accurately and neatly.

- Performance and system audits for the laboratory will be performed on a selective basis.

- Data validators will review (on a timely basis) the chemical analytical data packages submitted by the laboratory. The data validators will check that the data were obtained through use of the approved methodology, that the appropriate level of QC effort and reporting was conducted, and whether or not the results are in conformance with QC criteria. On the basis of these factors, the data validator will generate a report describing data limitations for submittal to the TOM.

- The TOM will maintain contact with the FOL and Data Validation Coordinator to ensure that management of the acquired data proceeds in an organized and expeditious manner.

3.11 PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE PROCEDURES

Measuring equipment used in environmental monitoring or analysis for the NAS Corpus Christi SI shall be maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's operation and maintenance manuals. Equipment and instruments shall be calibrated in accordance with the procedures, and at the frequency, discussed in Section 3.6 (Calibration Procedures and Frequency). Preventive maintenance for field and laboratory equipment is discussed in the remainder of this section.

3.11.1 Field Equipment Preventive Maintenance

Preventive maintenance of field equipment is described in Section 2.3.2 of the attendant SAP. The TtNUS Equipment Manager and the instrument operator will be responsible for ensuring that equipment is operating properly prior to use and that routine maintenance is performed and documented. Any problems encountered while operating the instrument will be recorded in the field log book including a description of the symptoms and corrective actions taken. If problem equipment is detected or should require service, the equipment should be logged, tagged, and segregated from equipment in proper working order. Use of the instrument will not be resumed until the problem is resolved.

3.11.2 Laboratory Instrument Preventive Maintenance

The identified subcontract laboratory has a QA/QC program that ensures the reliability and validity of the analyses performed at the laboratory. Dependent on manufacturer's recommendations, maintenance intervals are established for each instrument and are documented in writing as SOPs.

3.12 SPECIFIC ROUTINE PROCEDURES USED TO ASSESS DATA

Compliance with the quality control objectives outlined in Section 3.3 will be monitored via two separate mechanisms. Precision and accuracy will be assessed through data validation in accordance with the National Functional Guidelines (to the extent practicable for non-CLP analyses). Compliance with the completeness objectives for field and laboratory data/measurement may be calculated by hand (field measurements) and/or electronically via a database subroutine (laboratory data). Information necessary to complete the precision and accuracy calculations will be provided in electronic and hard copy form by the subcontract laboratory. Equations to be used for the precision, accuracy, and completeness assessment are outlined in the remainder of this section.

3.12.1 Precision Assessment

Duplicate samples (for inorganic analyses) and MSD samples (for organic analyses) are prepared and analyzed at a minimum frequency of one per every 20 environmental samples. Duplicate samples are prepared by dividing an environmental sample into equal aliquots.

MSD samples are prepared by dividing an environmental sample into equal aliquots and then spiking each of the aliquots with a known amount of analyte. The duplicate samples are then included in the analytical sample set. The splitting of the sample allows the analyst to determine the precision of the preparation and analytical techniques associated with the duplicate samples. The RPD between the sample (or spike) and duplicate (or duplicate spike) is calculated and plotted. The RPD is calculated according to the following formula:

$$\text{RPD} = \frac{\text{Amount in Sample} - \text{Amount in Duplicate}}{0.5\ (\text{Amount in Sample} + \text{Amount in Duplicate})} \text{ X } 100\ \%$$

3.12.2 Accuracy Assessment

To assure the accuracy of the analytical procedures, a minimum of one of every 20 samples is spiked with a known amount of the analyte or analytes to be evaluated. The spiked sample is then analyzed. The increase in concentration of the analyte observed in the spiked sample, because of the addition of a known quantity of the analyte, compared to the reported value of the same analyte in the unspiked sample determines the percent recovery. Control charts are plotted for each commonly analyzed compound and kept on matrix-specific and analyte-specific bases. The percent recovery for a spiked sample is calculated according to the following formula:

$$\%R = \frac{\text{Amount in Spiked Sample} - \text{Amount in Sample}}{\text{Known Amount Added}} \text{ X } 100\,\%$$

3.12.3 Completeness Assessment

Completeness is the ratio of the number of valid sample results to the total number of samples analyzed with a specific matrix and/or analysis. Following the completion of the analytical testing, the percent completeness will be calculated by the following equation:

$$\text{Completeness} = \frac{\text{(number of valid measurements)}}{\text{(number of measurements planned)}} \text{ X } 100\,\%$$

The results of the data validation process and the completeness assessment will be summarized in the SI Report.

3.13 CORRECTIVE ACTION

Under the TtNUS QA/QC program, it is required that any and all personnel noting conditions adverse to quality, report these conditions immediately to the TOM and QAM. These parties, in turn, are charged with performing root-cause analyses and implementing appropriate corrective action in a timely manner. It is ultimately the responsibility of the QAM to document all findings and corrective actions taken and to monitor the effectiveness of the corrective measures performed.

3.13.1 Field Corrective Action

Field nonconformances or conditions adverse to quality must be identified and corrected as quickly as possible so that work integrity or quality of product is not compromised. The need for corrective action may arise based on deviations from Project Plans and procedures, adverse field conditions, or other unforeseen circumstances. Corrective action needs may become apparent during the performance of daily work tasks or as a consequence of internal or external field audits.

Corrective action may include resampling and may involve amending previously approved field procedures. If warranted by the severity of the problem (e.g., if a change in the approved Project Plan documents or SOPs is required), the Navy will be notified in writing via a FTMR, and Navy approvals will be obtained. The FOL is responsible for initiating FTMRs; an FTMR will be initiated for all deviations from the Project Plan documents, as applicable. An example of an FTMR is provided as Figure 3-1. Copies of all FTMRs will be maintained with the onsite project planning documents and will be placed in the final evidence file.

Minor modifications to field activities such as a slight offset of a boring location will be initiated at the discretion of the FOL, subject to onsite approval by NAS Corpus Christi personnel. Approval for major modifications (e.g., elimination of a sampling point) must be obtained via an FTMR.

3.13.2 Laboratory Corrective Action

In general, laboratory corrective actions are warranted whenever an out-of-control event or potential out-of-control event is noted. The specific corrective action taken depends on the specific analysis and the nature of the event. Generally, the following occurrences alert laboratory personnel that corrective action may be necessary:

- QC data are outside established warning or control limits;
- method blank analyses yield concentrations of target analytes above acceptable levels;
- undesirable trends are detected in spike recoveries or in duplicate RPDs;
- there is an unexplained change in compound detection capability;
- inquiries concerning data quality are received;
- deficiencies are detected by laboratory QA staff audits or from performance evaluation sample test results.

Corrective actions are documented for non-routine out-of-control situations on the Corrective Action Form (Figure 3-2). A routine out-of-control situation is defined as one that is noted in the corrective action section of the method-specific SOP. Each SOP defines the routine out-of-control situations and the appropriate corrective action procedures for these situations. All out-of-control situations that are not addressed in the SOP must be treated as non-routine and documented in the corrective action logbook.

Using the Corrective Action Form, any employee may notify the QA/QC Officer of a problem. The QA/QC Officer initiates the corrective action by relating the problem to the appropriate Laboratory Manager and/or Internal Coordinator, who then investigates or assigns responsibility for investigating the problem and its cause. Once determined, an appropriate corrective action is approved by the QA/QC Officer. Its implementation is verified and documented on the Corrective Action Form and is further documented through audits.

FIGURE 3-1

TtNUS
FIELD TASK MODIFICATION REQUEST FORM

Client Identification | Project Number | TMR Number

To____________________ Location____________________ Date____________________

Description:

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Reason for Change:

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Recommended Disposition:

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Field Operations Leader (Signature, if applicable) Date

Disposition:

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Project Manager (Signature, if required) Date

Distribution:
Program Manager
Quality Assurance Officer
Project Manager
Field Operations Leader

Others as required____________________
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FIGURE 3-2

TtNUS
CORRECTIVE ACTION FORM

Name:____ Date:______________________________

Problem:

Samples Affected:
(Case #s)

Action Taken:

Name____ Date:______________________________

Action Taken:

Name____ Date:______________________________

Proof of Return to Control:

Supervisor:_________________________________ QA/QC Officer:___________________________

Date:______________________ Date:______________________

ATTACHMENT A

TtNUS ENVIRONMENTAL FIELD FORMS

TETRA TECH NUS, INC.
Houston, Texas

FIELD LOG OF BORING

BORING NO. ______________
SHEET ________ OF ________

Project Name ______________________________
Project Number ______________________________
CLIENT ______________________________

DRILLING METHOD:						
SAMPLING METHOD:						
DRILLER:					DRILLING	
LOGGED BY:					START	FINISH
WATER LEVEL					TIME	TIME
TIME						
DATE					DATE	DATE
CASING DEPTH		BORING DEPTH				

LOCATION OF BORING

DATUM: ELEVATION:

SAMPLE NO. / SAMPLE DEPTH	SAMPLER TYPE	INCHES DRIVEN/PUSHED / INCHES RECOVERED	BLOWS/ SAMPLE	HNU/OVA READING	POCKET PENETROMETER	DEPTH IN FEET	SOIL GRAPH	SURFACE CONDITIONS:
						1		
						2		
						3		
						4		
						5		
						6		
						7		
						8		
						9		

Tetra Tech NUS, Inc.

EQUIPMENT CALIBRATION LOG

PROJECT NAME : ______________________ INSTRUMENT NAME/MODEL: ______________________

SITE NAME: ______________________ MANUFACTURER: ______________________

PROJECT No.: ______________________ SERIAL NUMBER: ______________________

Date of Calibration	Instrument I.D. Number	Person Performing Calibration	Instrument Settings		Instrument Readings		Calibration Standard (Lot No.)	Remarks and Comments
			Pre-calibration	Post-calibration	Pre-calibration	Post-calibration		

LOW FLOW PURGE DATA SHEET

PROJECT SITE NAME: ______________________ **WELL ID.:** ______________________

PROJECT NUMBER: ______________________ **DATE:** ______________________

Time (Hrs.)	Water Level (Ft. below TOC)	Flow (mL/Min.)	pH (S.U.)	S. Cond. (mS/cm)	Turb. (NTU)	DO (mg/L)	Temp. (Celcius)	ORP mV	Salinity % or ppt	Comments

SIGNATURE(S): ______________________

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GROUNDWATER SAMPLE LOG SHEET

Project Site Name: ______________________

Project No.: ______________________

[] Domestic Well Data

[] Monitoring Well Data

[] Other Well Type: ______________________

[] QA Sample Type: ______________________

Sample ID No.: ______________

Sample Location: ______________

Sampled By: ______________

C.O.C. No.: ______________

Type of Sample:

[] Low Concentration

[] High Concentration

SAMPLING DATA:

Date:	**Color** (Visual)	**pH** (S.U.)	**S.C.** (mS/cm)	**Temp.** (^{0}C)	**Turbidity** (NTU)	**DO** (mg/l)	**Salinity** (%)	Other
Time:								
Method:								

PURGE DATA:

Date:	**Volume**	**pH**	**S.C.**	**Temp.**	**Turbidity**	**DO**	**Salinity**	Other
Method:								
Monitor Reading (ppm):								
Well Casing Diameter & Material								
Type:								
Total Well Depth (TD):								
Static Water Level (WL):								
One Casing Volume(gal/L):								
Start Purge (hrs):								
End Purge (hrs):								
Total Purge Time (min):								
Total Vol. Purged (gal/L):								

SAMPLE COLLECTION INFORMATION:

Analysis	**Preservative**	**Container Requirements**	**Collected**

OBSERVATIONS / NOTES:

Circle if Applicable:		**Signature(s):**
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APPENDIX B

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

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1.0 PURPOSE

The purpose of this procedure is to describe the methods and equipment necessary to perform soil and rock borings and identify the equipment, sequence of events, and appropriate methods necessary to obtain soil, both surface and subsurface, and rock samples during field sampling activities.

2.0 SCOPE

This guideline addresses most of the accepted and standard drilling techniques, their benefits, and drawbacks. It should be used generally to determine what type of drilling techniques would be most successful depending on site-specific geologic conditions and the type of sampling required.

The sampling methods described within this procedure are applicable to collecting surface and subsurface soil samples, and obtaining rock core samples for lithologic and hydrogeologic evaluation, excavation/foundation design, remedial alternative design and related civil engineering purposes.

3.0 GLOSSARY

Rock Coring - A method in which a continuous solid cylindrical sample of rock or compact rock-like soil is obtained by the use of a double tube core barrel that is equipped with an appropriate diamond-studded drill bit which is advanced with a hydraulic rotary drilling machine.

Wire-Line Coring - As an alternative to conventional coring, this technique is valuable in deep hole drilling, since this method eliminates trips in and out of the hole with the coring equipment. With this technique, the core barrel becomes an integral part of the drill rod string. The drill rod serves as both a coring device and casing.

4.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

Project Manager - In consultation with the project geologist, the Project Manager is responsible for evaluating the drilling requirements for the site and specifying drilling techniques that will be successful given the study objectives and the known or suspected geologic conditions at the site. The Project Manager also determines the disposal methods for products generated by drilling, such as drill cuttings and well development water, as well as any specialized supplies or logistical support required for the drilling operations.

Field Operations Leader (FOL) - The FOL is responsible for the overall supervision and scheduling of drilling activities, and is strongly supported by the project geologist.

Project Geologist - The project geologist is responsible for ensuring that standard and approved drilling procedures are followed. The geologist will generate a detailed boring log for each test hole. This log shall include a description of materials, samples, method of sampling, blow counts, and other pertinent drilling and testing information that may be obtained during drilling (see SOPs SA-6.3 and GH-1.5). Often this position for inspecting the drilling operations may be filled by other geotechnical personnel, such as soils and foundation engineers, civil engineers, etc.

Determination of the exact location for borings is the responsibility of the site geologist. The final location for drilling must be properly documented on the boring log. The general area in which the borings are to be located will be shown on a site map included in the Work Plan and/or Sampling and Analysis Plan.

Drilling Subcontractor - Operates under the supervision of the FOL. Responsible for obtaining all drilling permits and clearances, and supplying all services (including labor), equipment and material required to perform the drilling, testing, and well installation program, as well as maintenance and quality control of such required equipment except as stated in signed and approved subcontracts.

The driller must report any major technical or analytical problems encountered in the field to the FOL within 24 hours of determination, and must provide advance written notification of any changes in field procedures, describing and justifying such changes. No such changes shall be made unless requested and authorized in writing by the FOL (with the concurrence of the Project Manager). Depending on the subcontract, the Project Manager may need to obtain written authorization from appropriate administrative personnel before approving any changes.

The drilling subcontractor is responsible for following decontamination procedures specified in the project plan documents. Upon completion of the work, the driller is responsible for demobilizing all equipment, cleaning up any materials deposited on site during drilling operations, and properly backfilling any open borings.

5.0 PROCEDURES

5.1 General

The purpose of drilling boreholes is:

- To determine the type, thickness, and certain physical and chemical properties of the soil, water and rock strata which underlie the site.
- To install monitoring wells or piezometers.

All drilling and sampling equipment will be cleaned between samples and borings using appropriate decontamination procedures as outlined in SOP SA-7.1. Unless otherwise specified, it is generally advisable to drill borings at "clean" locations first, and at the most contaminated locations last, to reduce the risk of spreading contamination between locations. All borings must be logged by the site geologist as they proceed (see SOPs SA-6.3 and GH-1.5). Situations where logging would not be required would include installation of multiple well points within a small area, or a "second attempt" boring adjacent to a boring that could not be continued through resistant material. In the latter case, the boring log can be resumed 5 feet above the depth at which the initial boring was abandoned, although the site geologist should still confirm that the stratigraphy at the redrilled location conforms essentially with that encountered at the original location. If significant differences are seen, each hole should be logged separately.

5.2 Drilling Methods

The selected drilling methods described below apply to drilling in subsurface materials, including, but not limited to, sand, gravel, clay, silt, cobbles, boulders, rock and man-made fill. Drilling methods should be selected after studying the site geology and terrain, the waste conditions at the site, and reviewing the purpose of drilling and the overall subsurface investigation program proposed for the site. The full range of different drilling methods applicable to the proposed program should be identified with final selection based on relative cost, availability, time constraints, and how well each method meets the sampling and testing requirements of the individual drilling program.

5.2.1 Continuous-Flight Hollow-Stem Auger Drilling

This method of drilling consists of rotating augers with a hollow stem into the ground. Cuttings are brought to the surface by the rotating action of the auger. This method is relatively quick and inexpensive. Advantages of this type of drilling include:

- Samples can be obtained without pulling the augers out of the hole. However, this is a poor method for obtaining grab samples from thin, discrete formations because of mixing of soils which occurs as the material is brought to the surface. Sampling of such formations requires the use of split-barrel or thin-wall tube samplers advanced through the hollow core of the auger.
- No drilling fluids are required.
- A well can be installed inside the auger stem and backfilled as the augers are withdrawn.

Disadvantages and limitations of this method of drilling include:

- Augering can only be done in unconsolidated materials.

- The inside diameter of hollow stem augers used for well installation should be at least 4 inches greater than the well casing. Use of such large-diameter hollow-stem augers is more expensive than the use of small-diameter augers in boreholes not used for well installation. Furthermore, the density of unconsolidated materials and depths become more of a limiting factor. More friction is produced with the larger diameter auger and subsequently greater torque is needed to advance the boring.

- The maximum effective depth for drilling is 150 feet or less, depending on site conditions and the size of augers used.

- In augering through clean sand formations below the water table, the sand will tend to flow into the hollow stem when the plug is removed for soil sampling or well installation. If the condition of "running" or "flowing" sands is persistent at a site, an alternative method of drilling is recommended, in particular for wells or boreholes deeper than 25 feet.

Hollow-stem auger drilling is the preferred method of drilling. Most alternative methods require the introduction of water or mud downhole (air rotary is the exception) to maintain the open borehole. With these other methods, great care must be taken to ensure that the method does not interfere with the collection of a representative sample (which may be the prime objective of the borehole construction). With this in mind, the preferred order of choice of drilling method after hollow-stem augering (HSA) is:

- Cable tool
- Casing drive (air)
- Air rotary
- Mud rotary
- Rotosonic
- Drive and wash
- Jetting

However, the use of any method will also depend on efficiency and cost-effectiveness. In many cases, mud rotary is the only feasible alternative to hollow-stem augering. Thus, mud rotary drilling is generally acceptable as a first substitute for HSA.

The procedures for sampling soils through holes drilled by hollow-stem auger shall conform with the applicable ASTM Standards: D1587-83 and D1586-84. The guidelines established in SOP SA-1.3 shall also be followed. The hollow-stem auger may be advanced by any power-operated drilling machine having sufficient torque and ram range to rotate and force the auger to the desired depth. The machine must, however, be equipped with the accessory equipment needed to perform required sampling, or rock coring.

The hollow-stem auger may be used without the plug when boring for geotechnical examination or for well installation. However, when drilling below the water table, specially designed plugs which allow passage of formation water but not solid material shall be used (see Reference 1 of this guideline). This drilling configuration method also prevents blow back and plugging of the auger when the plug is removed for sampling.

Alternately, it may be necessary to keep the hollow stem full of water, at least to the level of the water table, to prevent blowback and plugging of the auger. If water is added to the hole, it must be sampled and analyzed to determine if it is free from contaminants prior to use. In addition, the amount of water introduced, the amount recovered upon attainment of depth, and the amount of water extracted during well development must be carefully logged in order to ensure that a representative sample of the formation water can be obtained. Well development should occur as soon after well completion as practicable (see SOP GH-2.8 for well development procedures). If gravelly or hard material is encountered which prevents advancing the auger to the desired depth, augering should be halted and either driven casing or hydraulic rotary methods should be attempted. If the depth to the bedrock/soil interface and bedrock lithology must be determined, then a 5-foot confirmatory core run should be conducted (see Section 5.2.9).

At the option of the Field Operations Leader (in communication with the Project Manager), when resistant materials prevent the advancement of the auger, a new boring can be attempted. The original boring must be properly backfilled and the new boring started a short distance away at a location determined by the site geologist. If multiple water bearing strata were encountered, the original boring must be grouted. In some formations, it may be prudent to also grout borings which penetrate only the water table aquifer, since loose soil backfill in the boring may still provide a preferred pathway for surface liquids to reach the water table. Backfilling requirements may also be driven by state or local regulations.

5.2.2 Continuous-Flight Solid-Stem Auger Drilling

This drilling method is similar to hollow-stem augering. Practical application of this method is severely restricted compared to use of hollow-stem augers. Split-barrel (split-spoon) sampling cannot be performed without pulling the augers out, which may allow the hole to collapse. The continuous-flight solid-stem auger drilling method is therefore very time consuming and is not cost effective. Also, augers would have to be withdrawn before installing a monitoring well, which again, may allow the hole to collapse. Furthermore, geologic logging by examining the soils brought to the surface is unreliable, and depth to water may be difficult to determine while drilling.

There would be very few situations where use of a solid-stem auger would be preferable to other drilling methods. The only practical applications of this method would be to drill boreholes for well installation where no lithologic information is desired and the soils are such that the borehole can be expected to remain open after the augers are withdrawn. Alternatively, this technique can be used to find depth to bedrock in an area when no other information is required from drilling.

5.2.3 Rotary Drilling

Direct rotary drilling includes air-rotary and fluid-rotary drilling. For air or fluid-rotary drilling, the rotary drill may be advanced to the desired depth by any power-operated drilling machine having sufficient torque and ram range to rotate and force the bit to the desired depth. The drilling machine must, however, be equipped with any accessory equipment needed to perform required sampling, or coring. Prior to sampling, any settled drill cuttings in the borehole must be removed.

Air-rotary drilling is a method of drilling where the drill rig simultaneously turns and exerts a downward pressure on the drilling rods and bit while circulating compressed air down the inside of the drill rods, around the bit, and out the annulus of the borehole. Air circulation serves to both cool the bit and remove the cuttings from the borehole. Advantages of this method include:

- The drilling rate is high (even in rock).
- The cost per foot of drilling is relatively low.
- Air-rotary rigs are common in most areas.
- No drilling fluid is required (except when water is injected to keep down dust).
- The borehole diameter is large, to allow room for proper well installation procedures.

Disadvantages to using this method include:

- Formations must be logged from the cuttings that are blown to the surface and thus the depths of materials logged are approximate.

- Air blown into the formation during drilling may "bind" the formation and impede well development and natural groundwater flow.

- In-situ samples cannot be taken, unless the hole is cased.

- Casing must generally be used in unconsolidated materials.

- Air-rotary drill rigs are large and heavy.

- Large amounts of Investigation Derived Waste (IDW) may be generated which may require containerization, sampling, and off-site disposal.

A variation of the typical air-rotary drill bit is a down hole hammer which hammers the drill bit down as it drills. This makes drilling in hard rock faster. Air-rotary drills can also be adapted to use for rock coring although they are generally slower than other types of core drills. A major application of the air-rotary drilling method would be to drill holes in rock for well installation.

Fluid-Rotary drilling operates in a similar manner to air-rotary drilling except that a drilling fluid ("mud") or clean water is used in place of air to cool the drill bit and remove cuttings. There are a variety of fluids that can be used with this drilling method, including bentonite slurry and synthetic slurries. If a drilling fluid other than water/cuttings is used, it must be a natural clay (i.e., bentonite) and a "background" sample of the fluid should be taken for analysis of possible organic or inorganic contaminants.

Advantages to the fluid-rotary drilling method include:

- The ability to drill in many types of formations.

- Relatively quick and inexpensive.

- Split-barrel (split-spoon) or thin-wall (Shelby) tube samples can be obtained without removing drill rods if the appropriate size drill rods and bits (i.e., fish-tail or drag bit) are used.

- In some borings temporary casing may not be needed as the drilling fluids may keep the borehole open.

- Drill rigs are readily available in most areas.

Disadvantages to this method include:

- Formation logging is not as accurate as with hollow-stem auger method if split-barrel (split-spoon) samples are not taken (i.e., the depths of materials logged from cuttings delivered to the surface are approximate).

- Drilling fluids reduce permeability of the formation adjacent to the boring to some degree, and require more extensive well development than "dry" techniques (augering, air-rotary).

- No information on depth to water is obtainable while drilling.

- Fluids are needed for drilling, and there is some question about the effects of the drilling fluids on subsequent water samples obtained. For this reason as well, extensive well development may be required.

- In very porous materials (i.e., rubble fill, boulders, coarse gravel) drilling fluids may be continuously lost into the formation. This requires either constant replenishment of the drilling fluid, or the use of casing through this formation.

- Drill rigs are large and heavy, and must be supported with supplied water.

- Groundwater samples can be potentially diluted with drilling fluid.

The procedures for performing direct rotary soil investigations and sampling shall conform with the applicable ASTM standards: D2113-83, D1587-83, and D1586-84.

Soil samples shall be taken as specified by project plan documents, or more frequently, if requested by the project geologist. Any required sampling shall be performed by rotation, pressing, or driving in accordance with the standard or approved method governing use of the particular sampling tool.

When field conditions prevent the advancement of the hole to the desired depth, a new boring may be drilled at the request of the Field Operations Leader. The original boring shall be backfilled using methods and materials appropriate for the given site and a new boring started a short distance away at a location determined by the project geologist.

5.2.4 Rotosonic Drilling

The Rotosonic drilling method employs a high frequency vibrational and low speed rotational motion coupled with down pressure to advance the cutting edge of a drill string. This produces a uniform borehole while providing a continuous, undisturbed core sample of both unconsolidated and most bedrock formations. Rotosonic drilling advances a 4-inch diameter to 12-inch diameter core barrel for sampling and can advance up to a 12-inch diameter outer casing for the construction of standard and telescoped monitoring wells. During drilling, the core barrel is advanced ahead of the outer barrel in increments as determined by the site geologist and depending upon type of material, degree of subsurface contamination and sampling objectives.

The outer casing can be advanced at the same time as the inner drill string and core barrel, or advanced down over the inner drill rods and core barrel, or after the core barrel has moved ahead to collect the undisturbed sample and has been pulled out of the borehole. The outer casing can be advanced dry in most cases, or can be advanced with water or air depending upon the formations being drilled, the depth and diameter of the hole, or requirements of the project.

Advantages of this method include:

- Sampling and well installation are faster as compared to other drilling methods.
- Continuous sampling, with larger sample volume as compared to split-spoon sampling.
- The ability to drill through difficult formations such as cobbles or boulders, hard till and bedrock.
- Reduction of IDW by an average of 70 to 80 percent.
- Well installations are quick and controlled by elimination of potential bridging of annular materials during well installation, due to the ability to vibrate the outer casing during removal.

Disadvantages include:

- The cost for Rotosonic drilling as compared to other methods are generally higher. However, the net result can be a significant savings considering reduced IDW and shortened project duration.
- Rotosonic drill rigs are large and need ample room to drill, however, Rotosonic units can be placed on the ground or placed on an ATV.
- There are a limited number of Rotosonic drilling contractors at the present time.

5.2.5 Reverse Circulation Rotary Drilling

The common reverse-circulation rig is a water or mud-rotary rig with a large-diameter drill pipe which circulates the drilling water down the annulus and up the inside of the drill pipe (reverse flow direction from direct mud-rotary). This type of rig is used for the construction of large-capacity production water wells and is not suited for small, water quality sampling wells because of the use of drilling muds and the large-diameter hole which is created. A few special reverse-circulation rotary rigs are made with double-wall drill pipe. The drilling water or air is circulated down the annulus between the drill pipes and up inside the inner pipe.

Advantages of the latter method include:

- The formation water is not contaminated by the drilling water.
- Formation samples can be obtained, from known depths.
- When drilling with air, immediate information is available regarding the water-bearing properties of formations penetrated.
- Collapsing of the hole in unconsolidated formations is not as great a problem as when drilling with the normal air-rotary rig.

Disadvantages include:

- Double-wall, reverse-circulation drill rigs are rare and expensive to operate.
- Placing cement grout around the outside of the well casing above a well screen often is difficult, especially when the screen and casing are placed down through the inner drill pipe before the drill pipe is pulled out.

5.2.6 Drill-through Casing Driver

The driven-casing method consists of alternately driving casing (fitted with a sharp, hardened casing shoe) into the ground using a hammer lifted and dropped by the drill rig (or an air-hammer) and cleaning out the casing using a rotary chopping bit and air or water to flush out the materials. The casing is driven down in stages (usually 5 feet per stage); a continuous record is kept of the blows per foot in driving the casing (see SOP GH-1.5). The casing is normally advanced by a 300-pound hammer falling freely through a height of 30 inches. Simultaneous washing and driving of the casing is not recommended. If this procedure is used, the elevations within which wash water is used and in which the casing is driven must be clearly recorded.

The driven casing method is used in unconsolidated formations only. When the boring is to be used for later well installation, the driven casing used should be at least 4 inches larger in diameter than the well casing to be installed. Advantages to this method of drilling include:

- Split-barrel (split-spoon) sampling can be conducted while drilling.
- Well installation is easily accomplished.
- Drill rigs used are relatively small and mobile.
- The use of casing minimizes flow into the hole from upper water-bearing layers; therefore, multiple aquifers can be penetrated and sampled for rough field determinations of some water quality parameters.

Some of the disadvantages include:

- This method can only be used in unconsolidated formations.
- The method is slower than other methods (average drilling progress is 30 to 50 feet per day).
- Maximum depth of the borehole varies with the size of the drill rig and casing diameter used, and the nature of the formations drilled.
- The cost per hour or per foot of drilling may be substantially higher than other drilling methods.
- It is difficult and time consuming to pull back the casing if it has been driven very deep (deeper than 50 feet in many formations).

5.2.7 Cable Tool Drilling

A cable tool rig uses a heavy, solid-steel, chisel-type drill bit ("tool") suspended on a steel cable, which when raised and dropped, chisels or pounds a hole through the soils and rock. Drilling progress may be expedited by the use of "slip-jars" which serve as a cable-activated down hole percussion device to hammer the bit ahead.

When drilling through the unsaturated zone, some water must be added to the hole. The cuttings are suspended in the water and then bailed out periodically. Below the water table, after sufficient ground water enters the borehole to replace the water removed by bailing, no further water needs to be added. When soft caving formations are encountered, it is usually necessary to drive casing as the hole is advanced to prevent collapse of the hole. Often the drilling can be only a few feet below the bottom of the casing. Because the drill bit is lowered through the casing, the hole created by the bit is smaller than the casing. Therefore, the casing (with a sharp, hardened casing shoe on the bottom) must be driven into the hole (see Section 5.2.5 of this guideline).

Advantages of the cable-tool method include the following:

- Information regarding water-bearing zones is readily available during the drilling. Even relative permeabilities and rough water quality data from different zones penetrated can be obtained by skilled operators.

- The cable-tool rig can operate satisfactorily in all formations, but is best suited for caving, boulder, cobble or coarse gravel type formations (e.g., glacial till) or formations with large cavities above the water table (such as limestones).

- When casing is used, the casing seals formation water out of the hole, preventing down hole contamination and allowing sampling of deeper aquifers for field-measurable water quality parameters.

- Split-barrel (split-spoon) or thin-wall (Shelby) tube samples can be collected through the casing.

Disadvantages include:

- Drilling is slow compared with rotary rigs.

- The necessity of driving the casing in unconsolidated formations requires that the casing be pulled back if exposure of selected water-bearing zones is desired. This process complicates the well completion process and often increases costs. There is also a chance that the casing may become stuck in the hole.

- The relatively large diameters required (minimum of 4-inch casing) plus the cost of steel casing result in higher costs compared to rotary drilling methods where casing is not required (e.g., such use of a hollow-stem auger).

- Cable-tool rigs have largely been replaced by rotary rigs. In some parts of the U.S., availability may be difficult.

5.2.8 Jet Drilling (Washing)

Jet drilling, which should be used only for piezometer or vadose zone sampler installation, consists of pumping water or drilling mud down through a small diameter (1/2- to 2-inch) standard pipe (steel or PVC). The pipe may be fitted with a chisel bit or a special jetting screen. Formation materials dislodged by the bit and jetting action of the water are brought to the surface through the annulus around the pipe. As the pipe is jetted deeper, additional lengths of pipe may be added at the surface.

Jet percussion is a variation of the jetting method, in which the casing is driven with a drive weight. Normally, this method is used to place 2-inch-diameter casing in shallow, unconsolidated sand formations, but this method has also been used to install 3- to 4-inch-diameter casings to a depth of 200 feet.

Jetting is acceptable in very soft formations, usually for shallow sampling, and when introduction of drilling water to the formation is acceptable. Such conditions would occur during rough stratigraphic investigation or installation of piezometers for water level measurement. Advantages of this method include:

- Jetting is fast and inexpensive.
- Because of the small amount of equipment required, jetting can be accomplished in locations where access by a normal drilling rig would be very difficult. For example, it would be possible to jet down a well point in the center of a lagoon at a fraction of the cost of using a drill rig.
- Jetting numerous well points just into a shallow water table is an inexpensive method for determining the water table contours, hence flow direction.

Disadvantages include the following:

- A large amount of foreign water or drilling mud is introduced above and into the formation to be sampled.
- Jetting is usually done in very soft formations which are subject to caving. Because of this caving, it is often not possible to place a grout seal above the screen to assure that water in the well is only from the screened interval.
- The diameter of the casing is usually limited to 2 inches.
- Jetting is only possible in very soft formations that do not contain boulders or coarse gravel, and the depth limitation is shallow (about 30 feet without jet percussion equipment).
- Large quantities of water are often needed.

5.2.9 Drilling with a Hand Auger

This method is applicable wherever the formation, total depth of sampling, and the site and groundwater conditions are such as to allow hand auger drilling. Hand augering can also be considered at locations where drill rig access is not possible. All hand auger borings will be performed according to ASTM D1452-80.

Samples should be taken continuously unless otherwise specified by the project plan documents. Any required sampling is performed by rotation, pressing, or driving in accordance with the standard or approved method governing use of the particular sampling tool. Typical equipment used for sampling and advancing shallow "hand auger" holes are Iwan samplers (which are rotated) or post hole diggers (which are operated like tongs). These techniques are slow but effective where larger pieces of equipment do not have access, and where very shallow holes are desired (less than 15 feet). Surficial soils must be composed of relatively soft and non-cemented formations to allow penetration by the auger.

5.2.10 Rock Drilling and Coring

When soil borings cannot be continued using augers or rotary methods due to the hardness of the soil or when rock or large boulders are encountered, drilling and sampling can be performed using a diamond bit corer in accordance with ASTM D2113.

Drilling is done by rotating and applying downward pressure to the drill rods and drill bit. The drill bit is a circular, hollow, diamond-studded bit attached to the outer core barrel in a double-tube core barrel. The use of single-tube core barrels is not recommended, as the rotation of the barrel erodes the sample and limits its use for detailed geological evaluation. Water or air is circulated down through the drill rods and annular space between the core barrel tubes to cool the bit and remove the cuttings. The bit cuts a core out of the rock which rises into an inner barrel mounted inside the outer barrel. The inner core barrel and rock core are removed by lowering a wire line with a coupling into the drill rods, latching onto the inner barrel and withdrawing the inner barrel. A less efficient variation of this method utilizes a core barrel that cannot be removed without pulling all of the drill rods. This variation is practical only if less than 50 feet of core is required.

Core borings are made through the casing used for the soil borings. The casing must be driven and sealed into the rock formation to prevent seepage from the overburden into the hole to be cored (see Section 5.3 of this guideline). A double-tube core barrel with a diamond bit and reaming shell or equivalent should be used to recover rock cores of a size specified in the project plans. The most common core barrel diameters are listed in Attachment A.

Soft or decomposed rock should be sampled with a driven split-barrel whenever possible or cored with a Denison or Pitcher sampler.

When coring rock, including shale and claystone, the speed of the drill and the drilling pressure, amount and pressure of water, and length of run can be varied to give the maximum recovery from the rock being drilled. Should any rock formation be so soft or broken that the pieces continually fall into the hole causing unsatisfactory coring, the hole should be reamed and a flush-joint casing installed to a point below the broken formation. The size of the flush-joint casing must permit securing the core size specified. When soft or broken rock is anticipated, the length of core runs should be reduced to less than 5 feet to avoid core loss and minimize core disturbance.

Advantages of core drilling include:

- Undisturbed rock cores can be recovered for examination and/or testing.
- In formations in which the cored hole will remain open without casing, water from the rock fractures may be recovered from the well without the installation of a well screen and gravel pack.
- Formation logging is extremely accurate.
- Drill rigs are relatively small and mobile.

Disadvantages include:

- Water or air is needed for drilling.
- Coring is slower than rotary drilling (and more expensive).
- Depth to water cannot accurately be determined if water is used for drilling.
- The size of the borehole is limited.

This drilling method is useful if accurate determinations of rock lithology are desired or if open wells are to be installed into bedrock. To install larger diameter wells in coreholes, the hole must be reamed out to the proper size after boring, using air or mud rotary drilling methods.

5.2.11 Drilling & Support Vehicles

In addition to the drilling method required to accomplish the objectives of the field program, the type of vehicle carrying the drill rig and/or support equipment and its suitability for the site terrain, will often be an additional deciding factor in planning the drilling program. The types of vehicles available are extensive, and depend upon the particular drilling subcontractor's fleet. Most large drilling subcontractors will have a wide variety of vehicle and drill types suited for most drilling assignments in their particular region, while smaller drilling subcontractors will usually have a fleet of much more limited diversity. The weight, size, and means of locomotion (tires, tracks, etc.) of the drill rig must be selected to be compatible with the site terrain to assure adequate mobility between borehole locations. Such considerations also apply to necessary support vehicles used to transport water and/or drilling materials to the drill rigs at the borehole locations. When the drill rigs or support vehicles do not have adequate mobility to easily traverse the site, provisions must be made for assisting equipment, such as bulldozers, winches, timber planking, etc., to maintain adequate progress during the drilling program.

Some of the typical vehicles which are usually available for drill rigs and support equipment are:

- Totally portable drilling/sampling equipment, where all necessary components (tripods, samplers, hammers, catheads, etc.) may be hand carried to the borehole site. Drilling/sampling methods used with such equipment include:
  - Hand augers and lightweight motorized augers.
  - Retractable plug samplers--driven by hand (hammer).
  - Motorized cathead - a lightweight aluminum tripod with a small gas-engine cathead mounted on one leg, used to install small-diameter cased borings. This rig is sometimes called a "monkey on a stick."

- Skid-mounted drilling equipment containing a rotary drill or engine-driven cathead (to lift hammers and drill string), a pump, and a dismounted tripod. The skid is pushed, dragged, or winched (using the cathead drum) between boring locations.

- Small truck-mounted drilling equipment using a Jeep, stake body or other light truck (4 to 6 wheels), upon which are mounted the drill and/or a cathead, a pump, and a tripod or small drilling derrick. On some rigs, the drill and/or a cathead are driven by a power take-off from the truck, instead of by a separate engine.

- Track-mounted drilling equipment is similar to truck-mounted rigs, except that the vehicle used has wide bulldozer tracks for traversing soft ground. Sometimes a continuous-track "all terrain vehicle" is also modified for this purpose. Some types of tracked drill rigs are called "bombardier" or "weasel" rigs.

- Heavy truck-mounted drilling equipment is mounted on tandem or dual tandem trucks to transport the drill, derrick, winches, and pumps or compressors. The drill may be provided with a separate engine or may use a power take-off from the truck engine. Large augers, hydraulic rotary and reverse circulation rotary drilling equipment are usually mounted on such heavy duty trucks. For soft-ground sites, the drilling equipment is sometimes mounted on vehicles having low pressure, very wide diameter tires and capable of floating; these vehicles are called "swamp buggy" rigs.

- Marine drilling equipment is mounted on various floating equipment for drilling borings in lakes, estuaries and other bodies of water. The floating equipment varies, and is often manufactured or customized by the drilling subcontractor to suit specific drilling requirements. Typically, the range of flotation vehicles include:

  - Barrel-float rigs - a drill rig mounted on a timber platform buoyed by empty 55-gallon drums or similar flotation units.

  - Barge-mounted drill rigs.

  - Jack-up platforms - drilling equipment mounted on a floating platform having retractable legs to support the unit on the sea or lake bed when the platform is jacked up out of the water.

  - Drill ships - for deep ocean drilling.

In addition to the mobility for the drilling equipment, similar consideration must be given for equipment to support the drilling operations. Such vehicles or floating equipment are needed to transport drill water, drilling supplies and equipment, samples, drilling personnel, etc. to and/or from various boring locations.

5.2.12 Equipment Sizes

In planning subsurface exploration programs, care must be taken in specifying the various drilling components, so that they will fit properly in the boring or well.

For drilling open boreholes using rotary drilling equipment, tri-cone drill bits are employed with air, water or drilling mud to remove cuttings and cool the bit. Tri-cone bits are slightly smaller than the holes they drill (i.e., 5-7/8-inch or 7-7/8-inch bits will nominally drill 6-inch and 8-inch holes, respectively).

For obtaining split-barrel samples of a formation, samplers are commonly manufactured in sizes ranging from 2 inches to 3-1/2 inches in outside diameter. However, the most commonly used size is the 2-inch O.D., 1-3/8-inch I.D. split-barrel sampler. When this sampler is used and driven by a 140-pound (± 2-pound) hammer dropping 30 inches (± 1 inch), the procedure is called a Standard Penetration Test, and the blows per foot required to advance the sampler into the formation can be correlated to the formation's density or strength.

In planning the drilling of boreholes using hollow-stem augers or casing, in which thin-wall tube samples or diamond core drilling will be performed, refer to the various sizes and clearances provided in Attachment A of this guideline. Sizes selected must be stated in the project plan documents.

5.2.13 Estimated Drilling Progress

To estimate the anticipated rates of drilling progress for a site, the following must be considered:

- The speed of the drilling method employed.

- Applicable site conditions (e.g., terrain, mobility between borings, difficult drilling conditions in bouldery soils, rubble fill or broken rock, etc.).

- Project-imposed restrictions (e.g., drilling while wearing personal protective equipment, decontamination of drilling equipment, etc.).

Based on recent experience in drilling average soil conditions (no boulders) and taking samples at 5-foot intervals, for moderate depth (30 feet to 50 feet) boreholes (not including installation or development of wells), the following daily rates of total drilling progress may be anticipated for the following drilling methods:

Drilling Method	Average Daily Progress (linear feet)
Hollow-stem augers	75'
Solid-stem augers	50'
Mud-Rotary Drilling	100' (cuttings samples)
Rotosonic Drilling	100'-160' (continuous core)
Reverse-Circulation Rotary	100' (cuttings samples)
Skid-Rig with driven casing	30'
Rotary with driven casing	50'
Cable Tool	30'
Hand Auger	Varies
Continuous Rock Coring	50'

5.3 Prevention of Cross-Contamination

A telescoping or multiple casing technique minimizes the potential for the migration of contaminated groundwater to lower strata below a confining layer. The telescoping technique consists of drilling to a confining layer utilizing a spun casing method with a diamond cutting or augering shoe (a method similar to the rock coring method described in Section 5.2.10, except that larger casing is used) or by using a driven-casing method (see Section 5.2.6 of this guideline) and installing a specified diameter steel well casing. The operation consists of three separate steps. Initially, a drilling casing (usually of 8-inch diameter) is installed followed by installation of the well casing (6-inch-diameter is common for 2-inch wells). This well casing is driven into the confining layer to ensure a tight seal at the bottom of the hole. The well casing is sealed at the bottom with a bentonite-cement slurry. The remaining depth of the boring is drilled utilizing a narrower diameter spun or driven casing technique within the outer well casing. A smaller diameter well casing with an appropriate length of slotted screen on the lower end, is installed to the surface.

Clean sand is placed in the annulus around and to a point of about 2 feet above the screen prior to withdrawal of the drilling casing. The annular space above the screen and to a point 2 feet above the bottom of the outer well casing is sealed with a tremied cement-bentonite slurry which is pressure-grouted or displacement-grouted into the hole. The remaining casing annulus is backfilled with clean material and grouted at the surface, or it is grouted all the way to the surface.

5.4 Cleanout of Casing Prior to Sampling

The boring hole must be completely cleaned of disturbed soil, segregated coarse material and clay adhering to the inside walls of the casing. The cleaning must extend to the bottom edge of the casing and, if possible, a short distance further (1 or 2 inches) to bypass disturbed soil resulting from the advancement of the casing. Loss of wash water during cleaning should be recorded.

For disturbed samples both above and below the water table and where introduction of relatively large volumes of wash water is permissible, the cleaning operation is usually performed by washing the material out of the casing with water; however, the cleaning should never be accomplished with a strong, downward-directed jet which will disturb the underlying soil. When clean out has reached the bottom of the casing or slightly below (as specified above), the string of tools should be lifted one foot off the bottom with the water still flowing, until the wash water coming out of the casing is clear of granular soil particles. In formations where the cuttings contain gravel and other larger particles, it is often useful to repeatedly raise and lower the drill rods and wash bit while washing out the hole, to surge these large particles upward out of the hole. As a time saver, the drilling contractor may be permitted to use a split-barrel (split-spoon) sampler with the ball check valve removed as the clean-out tool, provided the material below the spoon is not disturbed and the shoe of the spoon is not damaged. However, because the ball check valve has been removed, in some formations it may be necessary to install a flap valve or spring sample retainer in the split-spoon bit, to prevent the sample from falling out as the sampler is withdrawn from the hole. The use of jet-type chopping bits is discouraged except where large boulders and cobbles or hard-cemented soils are encountered. If water markedly softens the soils above the water table, clean out should be performed dry with an auger.

For undisturbed samples below the water table, or where wash water must be minimized, clean out is usually accomplished with an appropriate diameter clean out auger. This auger has cutting blades at the bottom to carry loose material up into the auger, and up-turned water jets just above the cutting blades to carry the removed soil to the surface. In this manner, there is a minimum of disturbance at the top of the material to be sampled. If any gravel material washes down into the casing and cannot be removed by the clean out auger, a split-barrel sample can be taken to remove it; bailers and sandpumps should not be used. For undisturbed samples above the groundwater table, all operations must be performed in a dry manner.

If all of the cuttings created by drilling through the overlying formations are not cleaned from the borehole prior to sampling, some of the problems which may be encountered during sampling include:

- When sampling is attempted through the cuttings remaining in the borehole, all or part of the sampler may become filled with the cuttings. This limits the amount of sample from the underlying formation which can enter and be retained in the sampler, and also raises questions as to the validity of the sample.

- If the cuttings remaining in the borehole contain coarse gravel and/or other large particles, these may block the bit of the sampler and prevent any materials from the underlying formation from entering the sampler when the sampler is advanced.

- In cased borings, should sampling be attempted through cuttings which remain in the lower portion of the casing, these cuttings could cause the sampler to become bound into the casing, such that it becomes very difficult to either advance or retract the sampler.

- When sampler blow counts are used to estimate the density or strength of the formation being sampled, the presence of cuttings in the borehole will usually give erroneously high sample blow counts.

To confirm that all cuttings have been removed from the borehole prior to attempting sampling, it is important that the site geologist measure the "stickup" of the drill string. This is accomplished by measuring the assembled length of all drill rods and bits or samplers (the drill string) as they are lowered to the bottom of the hole, below some convenient reference point of the drill string, then measuring the height of this reference point above the ground surface. The difference of these measurements is the depth of the drill string (lower end of the bit or sampler) below the ground surface, which must then be compared with the depth of sampling required (installed depth of casing or depth of borehole drilled). If the length of drill string below grade is more than the drilled or casing depth, the borehole has been cleaned too deeply, and this deeper depth of sampling must be recorded on the log. If the length of drill string below grade is less than the drilled or casing depth, the difference represents the thickness of cuttings which remain in the borehole. In most cases, an inch or two of cuttings may be left in the borehole with little or no problem. However, if more than a few inches of cuttings are encountered, the borehole must be recleaned prior to attempting sampling.

5.5 Materials of Construction

The effects of monitoring well construction materials on specific chemical analytical parameters are described and/or referenced in SOP GH-2.8. However, there are several materials used during drilling, particularly drilling fluids and lubricants, which must be used with care to avoid compromising the representativeness of soil and ground water samples.

The use of synthetic or organic polymer slurries is not permitted at any location where soil samples for chemical analysis are to be collected. These slurry materials could be used for installation of long-term monitoring wells, but the early time data in time series collection of ground water data may then be suspect. If synthetic or organic polymer muds are proposed for use at a given site, a complete written justification including methods and procedures for their use must be provided by the site geologist and approved by the Project Manager. The specific slurry composition and the concentration of suspected contaminants for each site must be known.

For many drilling operations, potable water is an adequate lubricant for drill stem and drilling tool connections. However, there are instances, such as drilling in tight clayey formations or in loose gravels, when threaded couplings must be lubricated to avoid binding. In these instances, to be determined in the field by the judgment of the site geologist and noted in the site logbook, and only after approval by the Project Manager, a vegetable oil or silicone-based lubricant should be used. Petroleum based greases, etc. will not be permitted. Samples of lubricants used must be provided and analyzed for chemical parameters appropriate to the given site.

5.6 Subsurface Soil Samples

Subsurface soil samples are used to characterize subsurface stratigraphy. This characterization can indicate the potential for migration of chemical contaminants in the subsurface. In addition, definition of the actual migration of contaminants can be obtained through chemical analysis of the soil samples. Where the remedial activities may include in-situ treatment or excavation and removal of the contaminated soil, the depth and areal extent of contamination must be known as accurately as possible.

Engineering and physical properties of soil may also be of interest should site construction activities be planned. Soil types, grain size distribution, shear strength, compressibility, permeability, plasticity, unit weight, and moisture content are some of the physical characteristics that may be determined for soil samples.

Penetration tests are also described in this procedure. The tests can be used to estimate various physical and engineering parameters such as relative density, unconfined compressive strength, and consolidation characteristics of soils.

Surface protocols for various soil sampling techniques are discussed in SOP SA-1.3. Continuous-core soil sampling and rock coring are discussed below. The procedures described here are representative of a larger number of possible drilling and sampling techniques. The choice of techniques is based on a large number of variables such as cost, local geology, etc. The final choice of methods must be made with the assistance of drilling subcontractors familiar with the local geologic conditions. Alternative techniques must be based upon the underlying principles of quality assurance implicit in the following procedures.

The CME continuous sample tube system provides a method of sampling soil continuously during hollow-stem augering. The 5-foot sample barrel fits within the lead auger of a hollow-auger column. The sampling system can be used with a wide range of I.D. hollow-stem augers (from 3-1/4-inch to 8-1/4-inch I.D.). This method has been used to sample many different materials such as glacial drift, hard clays and shales, mine tailings, etc. This method is particularly used when SPT samples are not required and a large volume of material is needed. Also, this method is useful when a visual description of the subsurface lithology is required. Rotosonic drilling methods also provide a continuous soil sample.

5.7 Rock Sampling (Coring) (ASTM D2113-83)

Rock coring enables a detailed assessment of borehole conditions to be made, showing precisely all lithologic changes and characteristics. Because coring is an expensive drilling method, it is commonly used for shallow studies of 500 feet or less, or for specific intervals in the drill hole that require detailed logging and/or analyzing. Rock coring can, however, proceed for thousands of feet continuously, depending on the size of the drill rig, and yields better quality data than air-rotary drilling, although at a substantially reduced drilling rate. Rate of drilling varies widely, depending on the characteristics of lithologies encountered, drilling methods, depth of drilling, and condition of drilling equipment. Average output in a 10-hour day ranges from 40 to over 200 feet. Down hole geophysical logging or television camera monitoring is sometimes used to complement the data generated by coring.

Borehole diameter can be drilled to various sizes, depending on the information needed. Standard sizes of core barrels (showing core diameter) and casing are shown in Figure 1.

Core drilling is used when formations are too hard to be sampled by soil sampling methods and a continuous solid sample is desired. Usually, soil samples are used for overburden, and coring begins in sound bedrock. Casing is set into bedrock before coring begins to prevent loose material from entering the borehole, to prevent loss of drilling fluid, and to prevent cross-contamination of aquifers.

Drilling through bedrock is initiated by using a diamond-tipped core bit threaded to a drill rod (outer core barrel) with a rate of drilling determined by the downward pressure, rotation speed of drill rods, drilling fluid pressure in the borehole, and the characteristics of the rock (mineralogy, cementation, weathering).

FIGURE 1

STANDARD SIZES OF CORE BARRELS AND CASING

Coring Bit Size	Nominal*		Set Size*	
	O.D.	I.D.	O.D.	I.D.
RWT	1 5/32	3/4	1.160	0.735
EWT	1 1/2	29/32	1.470	0.905
EX, EXL, EWG, EWM	1 1/2	13/16	1.470	0.845
AWT	1 7/8	1 9/32	1.875	1.281
AX, AXL, AWG, AWM	1 7/8	1 3/16	1.875	1.185
BWT	2 3/8	1 3/4	2.345	1.750
BX, BXL, BWG, BWM	2 3/8	1 5/8	2.345	1.655
NWT	3	2 5/16	2.965	2.313
NX, NXL, NWG, NWM	3	2 1/8	2.965	2.155
HWT	3 29/32	3 3/16	3.889	3.187
HWG	3 29/32	3	3.889	3.000
2 3/4 x 3 7/8	3 7/8	2 3/4	3.840	2.690
4 x 5 1/2	5 1/2	4	5.435	3.970
6 x 7 3/4	7 3/4	6	7.655	5.970
AX Wire line ___|___/	1 7/8	1	1.875	1.000
BX Wire line ___|___/	2 3/8	1 7/16	2.345	1.437
NX Wire line ___|___/	3	1 15/16	2.965	1.937

* All dimensions are in inches; to convert to millimeters, multiply by 25.4.

___|___/ Wire line dimensions and designations may vary according to manufacturer.

FIGURE 1
STANDARD SIZES OF CORE BARRELS AND CASING
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Size Designations			Casing Coupling						Approximate Core Diameter	
Casing; Casing coupling; Casing bits; Core barrel bits	Rod; rod couplings	Casing O.D., Inches	O.D., Inches	I.D., Inches	Casing bit O.D., Inches	Core barrel bit O.D., Inches*	Drill rod O.D., Inches	Normal, Inches	Thinwall, Inches
RX	RW	1.437	1.437	1.188	1.485	1.160	1.094	---	0.735
EX	E	1.812	1.812	1.500	1.875	1.470	1.313	0.845	0.905
AX	A	2.250	2.250	1.906	2.345	1.875	1.625	1.185	1.281
BX	B	2.875	2.875	2.375	2.965	2.345	1.906	1.655	1.750
NX	N	3.500	3.500	3.000	3.615	2.965	2.375	2.155	2.313
HX	HW	4.500	4.500	3.938	4.625	3.890	3.500	3.000	3.187
RW	RW	1.437	Flush Joint	No Coupling	1.485	1.160	1.094	---	0.735
EW	EW	1.812			1.875	1.470	1.375	0.845	0.905
AW	AW	2.250			2.345	1.875	1.750	1.185	1.281
BW	BW	2.875			2.965	2.345	2.125	1.655	1.750
NW	NW	3.500			3.615	2.965	2.625	2.155	2.313
HW	HW	4.500			4.625	3.890	3.500	3.000	3.187
PW	---	5.500			5.650	---	---	---	---
SW	---	6.625			6.790	---	---	---	---
UW	---	7.625			7.800	---	---	---	---
ZW	---	8.625			8.810	---	---	---	---
---	AX __|__\	---	---	---	---	1.875	1.750	1.000	---
---	BX __|__\	---	---	---	---	2.345	2.250	1.437	---
---	NX __|__\	---	---	---	---	2.965	2.813	1.937	---

* All dimensions are in inches; to convert to millimeters, multiply by 25.4.

___|___/ Wire line dimensions and designations may vary according to manufacturer.

NOMINAL DIMENSIONS FOR DRILL CASINGS AND ACCESSORIES. (DIAMOND CORE DRILL MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION). 288-D-2889

5.7.1 Diamond Core Drilling

A penetration of typically less than 6 inches per 50 blows using a 140-lb. hammer dropping 30 inches with a 2-inch split-barrel sampler shall be considered an indication that soil sampling methods may not be applicable and that coring may be necessary to obtain samples.

When formations are encountered that are too hard to be sampled by soil sampling methods, the following diamond core drilling procedure may be used:

- Firmly seat a casing into the bedrock or the hard material to prevent loose materials from entering the hole and to prevent the loss of drilling fluid return. Level the surface of the rock or hard material when necessary by the use of a fishtail or other bits. If the drill hole can be retained open without the casing and if cross-contamination of aquifers in the unconsolidated materials is unlikely, leveling may be omitted.

- Begin the core drilling using a double-tube swivel-core barrel of the desired size. After drilling no more than 10 feet (3 m), remove the core barrel from the hole and take out the core. If the core blocks the flow of the drilling fluid during drilling, remove the core barrel immediately. In soft materials, a large starting size may be specified for the coring tools; where local experience indicates satisfactory core recovery or where hard, sound materials are anticipated, a smaller size or the single-tube type may be specified and longer runs may be drilled. NX/NW size coring equipment is the most commonly used size.

- When soft materials are encountered that produce less than 50 percent recovery, stop the core drilling. If soil samples are desired, secure such samples in accordance with the procedures described in ASTM Method D 1586 (Split-barrel Sampling) or in Method D 1587 (Thin-Walled Tube Sampling); sample soils per SOP SA-1.3. Resume diamond core drilling when refusal materials are again encountered.

- Since rock structures and the occurrence of seams, fissures, cavities, and broken areas are among the most important items to be detected and described, take special care to obtain and record these features. If such broken zones or cavities prevent further advance of the boring, one of the following three steps shall be taken: (1) cement the hole; (2) ream and case; or (3) case and advance with the next smaller size core barrel, as conditions warrant.

- In soft, seamy, or otherwise unsound rock, where core recovery may be difficult, M-design core barrels may be used. In hard, sound rock where a high percentage of core recovery is anticipated, the single-tube core barrel may be employed.

5.7.2 Rock Sample Preparation and Documentation

Once the rock coring has been completed and the core recovered, the rock core shall be carefully removed from the barrel, placed in a core tray (previously labeled "top" and "bottom" to avoid confusion), classified, and measured for percentage of recovery as well as the rock quality designation (RQD). Each core shall be described, classified, and logged using a uniform system as presented in SOP GH-1.5. If moisture content will be determined or if it is desirable to prevent drying (e.g., to prevent shrinkage of clay formations) or oxidation of the core, the core shall be wrapped in plastic sleeves immediately after logging. Each plastic sleeve shall be labeled with indelible ink. The boring number, run number, and the footage represented in each sleeve shall be included, as well as designating the top and bottom of the core run.

After sampling, rock cores shall be placed in the sequence of recovery in well-constructed wooden boxes provided by the drilling contractor. Rock cores from two different borings shall not be placed in the same core box unless accepted by the Project Geologist. The core boxes shall be constructed to accommodate at least 20 linear feet of core in rows of approximately 5 feet each and shall be constructed with hinged tops secured with screws, and a latch (usually a hook and eye) to keep the top securely fastened down. Wood partitions shall be placed at the end of each core run and between rows.

The depth from the surface of the boring to the top and bottom of the drill run and run number shall be marked on the wooden partitions with indelible ink. A wooden partition (wooden block) shall be placed at the end of each run with the depth of the bottom of the run written on the block. These blocks will serve to separate successive core runs and indicate depth intervals for each run. The order of placing cores shall be the same in all core boxes. Rock core shall be placed in the box so that, when the box is open, with the inside of the lid facing the observer, the top of the cored interval contained within the box is in the upper left corner of the box, and the bottom of the cored interval is in the lower right corner of the box. The top and bottom of each core obtained and its true depth shall be clearly and permanently marked on each box. The width of each row must be compatible with the core diameter to prevent lateral movement of the core in the box. Similarly, an empty space in a row shall be filled with an appropriate filler material or spacers to prevent longitudinal movement of the core in the box.

The inside and outside of the core-box lid shall be marked by indelible ink to show all pertinent data on the box's contents. At a minimum, the following information shall be included:

- Project name.
- Project number.
- Boring number.
- Run numbers.
- Footage (depths).
- Recovery.
- RQD (%).
- Box number and total number of boxes for that boring (Example: Box 5 of 7).

For easy retrieval when core boxes are stacked, the sides and ends of the box shall also be labeled and include project number, boring number, top and bottom depths of core and box number.

Prior to final closing of the core box, a photograph of the recovered core and the labeling on the inside cover shall be taken. If moisture content is not critical, the core shall be wetted and wiped clean for the photograph. (This will help to show true colors and bedding features in the cores).

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DRILLING EQUIPMENT SIZES

Drilling Component	Designation or Hole Size (Inches)	O.D. (Inches)	I.D. (Inches)	Coupling I.D. (Inches)
Hollow-stem augers (Ref. 7)	6 1/4	5	2 1/4	
	6 3/4	5 3/4	2 3/4	---
	7 1/4	6 1/4	3 1/4	---
	13 1/4	12	6	---
Thin Wall Tube Samplers (Ref. 7)	---	2	1 7/8	---
	---	2 1/2	2 3/8	---
	---	3	2 7/8	---
	---	3 1/2	3 3/8	---
	---	4 1/2	4 3/8	---
	---	5	4 3/4	---
Drill Rods (Ref. 7)	RW	1 3/32	23/32	13/32
	EW	1 3/8	15/16	7/16
	AW	1 3/4	1 1/4	5/8
	BW	2 1/8	1 3/4	3/4
	NW	2 5/8	2 1/4	1 3/8
	HW	3 1/2	3 1/16	2 3/8
	E	1 5/16	7/8	7/16
	A	1 5/8	1 1/8	9/16
	B	1 7/8	1 1/4	5/8
	N	2 3/8	2	1
				Wall Thickness (Inches)
Driven External Coupled Extra Strong Steel* Casing (Ref. 8)	2 1/2	2.875	2.323	0.276
	3	3.5	2.9	0.300
	3 1/2	4.0	3.364	0.318
	4	4.5	3.826	0.337
	5	5.63	4.813	0.375
	6	6.625	5.761	0.432
	8	8.625	7.625	0.500
	10	10.750	9.750	0.500
	12	12.750	11.750	0.500

* Add twice the casing wall thickness to casing O.D. to obtain the approximate O.D. of the external pipe couplings.

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Drilling Component	Designation or Hole Size (Inches)	O.D. (Inches)	I.D. (Inches)	Coupling I.D. (Inches)
Flush Coupled Casing (Ref. 7)	RX	1 7/16	1 3/16	1 3/16
	EX	1 13/16	1 5/8	1 1/2
	AX	2 1/4	2	1 29/32
	BX	2 7/8	2 9/16	2 3/8
	NX	3 1/2	3 3/16	3
	HX	4 1/2	4 1/8	3 15/16
Flush Joint Casing (Ref. 7)	RW	1 7/16	1 3/16	
	EW	1 13/16	1 1/2	
	AW	2 1/4	1 29/32	
	BW	2 7/8	2 3/8	
	NW	3 1/2	3	
	HW	4 1/2	4	
	PW	5 1/2	5	
	SW	6 5/8	6	
	UW	7 5/8	7	
	ZW	8 5/8	8	
Diamond Core Barrels (Ref. 7)	EWM	1 1/2	7/8**	
	AWM	1 7/8	1 1/8**	
	BWM	2 3/8	1 5/8**	
	NWM	3	2 1/8	
	HWG	3 7/8	3	
	2 3/4 x 3 7/8	3 7/8	2 11/16	
	4 x 5 1/2	5 1/2	3 15/16	
	6 x 7 3/4	7 3/4	5 15/16	
	AQ (wireline)	1 57/64	1 1/16**	
	BQ (wireline)	2 23/64	1 7/16**	
	NQ (wireline)	2 63/64	1 7/8	
	HQ (wireline)	3 25/32	2 1/2	

** Because of the fragile nature of the core and the difficulty to identify rock details, use of small-diameter core (1 3/8") is not recommended.

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1.0 PURPOSE

The purpose of this Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) is to identify and designate the field data record forms, logs and reports generally initiated and maintained for documenting Tetra Tech NUS field activities.

2.0 SCOPE

Documents presented within this procedure (or equivalents) shall be used for all Tetra Tech NUS field activities, as applicable. Other or additional documents may be required by specific client contracts or project planning documents.

3.0 GLOSSARY

None

4.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

Project Manager (PM) - The Project Manager is responsible for obtaining hardbound, controlled-distribution logbooks (from the appropriate source), as needed. In addition, the Project Manager is responsible for placing all field documentation used in site activities (i.e., records, field reports, sample data sheets, field notebooks, and the site logbook) in the project's central file upon the completion of field work.

Field Operations Leader (FOL) - The Field Operations Leader is responsible for ensuring that the site logbook, notebooks, and all appropriate and current forms and field reports illustrated in this guideline (and any additional forms required by the contract) are correctly used, accurately filled out, and completed in the required time-frame.

5.0 PROCEDURES

5.1 Site Logbook

5.1.1 General

The site logbook is a hard-bound, paginated, controlled-distribution record book in which all major onsite activities are documented. At a minimum, the following activities/events shall be recorded or referenced (daily) in the site logbook:

- All field personnel present
- Arrival/departure of site visitors
- Time and date of H&S training
- Arrival/departure of equipment
- Time and date of equipment calibration
- Start and/or completion of borehole, trench, monitoring well installation, etc.
- Daily onsite activities performed each day
- Sample pickup information
- Health and Safety issues (level of protection observed, etc.)
- Weather conditions

A site logbook shall be maintained for each project. The site logbook shall be initiated at the start of the first onsite activity (e.g., site visit or initial reconnaissance survey). Entries are to be made for every day that onsite activities take place which involve Tetra Tech NUS or subcontractor personnel. Upon completion of the fieldwork, the site logbook must become part of the project's central file.

The following information must be recorded on the cover of each site logbook:

- Project name
- Tetra Tech NUS project number
- Sequential book number
- Start date
- End date

Information recorded daily in the site logbook need not be duplicated in other field notebooks (see Section 5.2), but must summarize the contents of these other notebooks and refer to specific page locations in these notebooks for detailed information (where applicable). An example of a typical site logbook entry is shown in Attachment A.

If measurements are made at any location, the measurements and equipment used must either be recorded in the site logbook or reference must be made to the field notebook in which the measurements are recorded (see Attachment A).

All logbook, notebook, and log sheet entries shall be made in indelible ink (black pen is preferred). No erasures are permitted. If an incorrect entry is made, the entry shall be crossed out with a single strike mark, and initialed and dated. At the completion of entries by any individual, the logbook pages used must be signed and dated. The site logbook must also be signed by the Field Operations Leader at the end of each day.

5.1.2 Photographs

When movies, slides, or photographs are taken of a site or any monitoring location, they must be numbered sequentially to correspond to logbook/notebook entries. The name of the photographer, date, time, site location, site description, and weather conditions must be entered in the logbook/notebook as the photographs are taken. A series entry may be used for rapid-sequence photographs. The photographer is not required to record the aperture settings and shutter speeds for photographs taken within the normal automatic exposure range. However, special lenses, films, filters, and other image-enhancement techniques must be noted in the logbook/notebook. If possible, such techniques shall be avoided, since they can adversely affect the accuracy of photographs. Chain-of-custody procedures depend upon the subject matter, type of camera (digital or film), and the processing it requires. Film used for aerial photography, confidential information, or criminal investigation require chain-of-custody procedures. Once processed, the slides of photographic prints shall be consecutively numbered and labeled according to the logbook/notebook descriptions. The site photographs and associated negatives and/or digitally saved images to compact disks must be docketed into the project's central file.

5.2 <u>Field Notebooks</u>

Key field team personnel may maintain a separate dedicated field notebook to document the pertinent field activities conducted directly under their supervision. For example, on large projects with multiple investigative sites and varying operating conditions, the Health and Safety Officer may elect to maintain a separate field notebook. Where several drill rigs are in operation simultaneously, each site geologist assigned to oversee a rig must maintain a field notebook.

5.3 Field Forms

All Tetra Tech NUS field forms (see list in Section 6.0 of this SOP) can be found on the company's intranet site (http://intranet.ttnus.com) under Field Log Sheets. Forms may be altered or revised for project-specific needs contingent upon client approval. Care must be taken to ensure that all essential information can be documented. Guidelines for completing these forms can be found in the related sampling SOP.

5.3.1 Sample Collection, Labeling, Shipment, Request for Analysis, and Field Test Results

5.3.1.1 Sample Log Sheet

Sample Log Sheets are used to record specified types of data while sampling. The data recorded on these sheets are useful in describing the sample as well as pointing out any problems, difficulties, or irregularities encountered during sampling. A log sheet must be completed for each sample obtained, including field quality control (QC) samples.

5.3.1.2 Sample Label

A typical sample label is illustrated in Attachment B. Adhesive labels must be completed and applied to every sample container. Sample labels can usually be obtained from the appropriate Program source electronically generated in-house, or are supplied from the laboratory subcontractor.

5.3.1.3 Chain-of-Custody Record Form

The Chain-of-Custody (COC) Record is a multi-part form that is initiated as samples are acquired and accompanies a sample (or group of samples) as they are transferred from person to person. This form must be used for any samples collected for chemical or geotechnical analysis whether the analyses are performed on site or off site. One carbonless copy of the completed COC form is retained by the field crew, one copy is sent to the Project Manager (or designee), while the original is sent to the laboratory. The original (top, signed copy) of the COC form shall be placed inside a large Ziploc-type bag and taped inside the lid of the shipping cooler. If multiple coolers are sent but are included on one COC form, the COC form should be sent with the cooler containing vials for VOC analysis or the cooler with the air bill attached. The air bill should then state how many coolers are included with that shipment. An example of a Chain-of-Custody Record form is provided as Attachment C. Once the samples are received at the laboratory, the sample cooler and contents are checked and any problems are noted on the enclosed COC form (any discrepancies between the sample labels and COC form and any other problems that are noted are resolved through communication between the laboratory point-of-contact and the Tetra Tech NUS Project Manager). The COC form is signed and copied. The laboratory will retain the copy while the original becomes part of the samples' corresponding analytical data package.

5.3.1.4 Chain-of-Custody Seal

Attachment D is an example of a custody seal. The Custody seal is an adhesive-backed label. It is part of a chain-of-custody process and is used to prevent tampering with samples after they have been collected in the field and sealed in coolers for transport to the laboratory. The COC seals are signed and dated by the sampler(s) and affixed across the lid and body of each cooler (front and back) containing environmental samples (see SOP SA-6.1). COC seals may be available from the laboratory; these seals may also be purchased from a supplier.

5.3.1.5 Geochemical Parameters Log Sheets

Field Analytical Log Sheets are used to record geochemical and/or natural attenuation field test results.

5.3.2 Hydrogeological and Geotechnical Forms

5.3.2.1 Groundwater Level Measurement Sheet

A Groundwater Level Measurement Sheet must be filled out for each round of water level measurements made at a site.

5.3.2.2 Data Sheet for Pumping Test

During the performance of a pumping test (or an in-situ hydraulic conductivity test), a large amount of data must be recorded, often within a short time period. The Pumping Test Data Sheet facilitates this task by standardizing the data collection format for the pumping well and observation wells, and allowing the time interval for collection to be laid out in advance.

5.3.2.3 Packer Test Report Form

A Packer Test Report Form must be completed for each well upon which a packer test is conducted.

5.3.2.4 Boring Log

During the progress of each boring, a log of the materials encountered, operation and driving of casing, and location of samples must be kept. The Summary Log of Boring, or Boring Log is used for this purpose and must be completed for each soil boring performed. In addition, if volatile organics are monitored on cores, samples, cuttings from the borehole, or breathing zone, (using a PID or FID), these readings must be entered on the boring log at the appropriate depth. The "Remarks" column can be used to subsequently enter the laboratory sample number, the concentration of key analytical results, or other pertinent information. This feature allows direct comparison of contaminant concentrations with soil characteristics.

5.3.2.5 Monitoring Well Construction Details Form

A Monitoring Well Construction Details Form must be completed for every monitoring well, piezometer, or temporary well point installed. This form contains specific information on length and type of well riser pipe and screen, backfill, filter pack, annular seal and grout characteristics, and surface seal characteristics. This information is important in evaluating the performance of the monitoring well, particularly in areas where water levels show temporal variation, or where there are multiple (immiscible) phases of contaminants. Depending on the type of monitoring well (in overburden or bedrock, stick-up or flush mount), different forms are used.

5.3.2.6 Test Pit Log

When a test pit or trench is constructed for investigative or sampling purposes, a Test Pit Log must be filled out by the responsible field geologist or sampling technician.

5.3.2.7 Miscellaneous Monitoring Well Forms

Monitoring Well Materials Certificate of Conformance should be used as the project directs to document all materials utilized during each monitoring well installation.

The Monitoring Well Development Record should be used as the project directs to document all well development activities.

5.3.2.8 Miscellaneous Field Forms - QA and Checklists

Container Sample and Inspection Sheet should be used as the project directs each time a container (drum, tank, etc.) is sampled and/or inspected.

QA Sample Log Sheet should be used at the project directs each time a QA sample is colleted, such as Rinsate Blank, Source Blank, etc.

Field Task Modification Request (FTMR) will be prepared for all deviations from the project planning documents. The FOL is responsible for initiating the FTMRs. Copies of all FTMRs will be maintained with the onsite planning documents and originals will be placed in the final evidence file.

The Field Project Daily Activities Check List and Field Project Pre-Mobilization Checklist should be used during both the planning and field effort to assure that all necessary tasks are planned for and completed. These two forms are not a requirement but a useful tool for most field work.

5.3.3 Equipment Calibration and Maintenance Form

The calibration or standardization of monitoring, measuring or test equipment is necessary to assure the proper operation and response of the equipment, to document the accuracy, precision or sensitivity of the measurement, and determine if correction should be applied to the readings. Some items of equipment require frequent calibration, others infrequent. Some are calibrated by the manufacturer, others by the user.

Each instrument requiring calibration has its own Equipment Calibration Log which documents that the manufacturer's instructions were followed for calibration of the equipment, including frequency and type of standard or calibration device. An Equipment Calibration Log must be maintained for each electronic measuring device used in the field; entries must be made for each day the equipment is used or in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations.

5.4 Field Reports

The primary means of recording onsite activities is the site logbook. Other field notebooks may also be maintained. These logbooks and notebooks (and supporting forms) contain detailed information required for data interpretation or documentation, but are not easily useful for tracking and reporting of progress. Furthermore, the field logbook/notebooks remain onsite for extended periods of time and are thus not accessible for timely review by project management.

5.4.1 Daily Activities Report

To provide timely oversight of onsite contractors, Daily Activities Reports are completed and submitted as described below.

5.4.1.1 Description

The Daily Activities Report (DAR) documents the activities and progress for each day's field work. This report must be filled out on a daily basis whenever there are drilling, test pitting, well construction, or other related activities occurring which involve subcontractor personnel. These sheets summarize the work performed and form the basis of payment to subcontractors. The DAR form can be found on the TtNUS intranet site.

5.4.1.2 Responsibilities

It is the responsibility of the rig geologist to complete the DAR and obtain the driller's signature acknowledging that the times and quantities of material entered are correct.

5.4.1.3 Submittal and Approval

At the end of the shift, the rig geologist must submit the Daily Activities Report to the Field Operations Leader (FOL) for review and filing. The Daily Activities Report is not a formal report and thus requires no further approval. The DAR reports are retained by the FOL for use in preparing the site logbook and in preparing weekly status reports for submission to the Project Manager.

5.4.2 Weekly Status Reports

To facilitate timely review by project management, photocopies of logbook/notebook entries may be made for internal use.

It should be noted that in addition to summaries described herein, other summary reports may also be contractually required.

All Tetra Tech NUS field forms can be found on the company's intranet site at http://intranet.ttnus.com under Field Log Sheets.

6.0 LISTING OF TETRA TECH NUS FIELD FORMS FOUND ON THE TTNUS INTRANET SITE. HTTP://INTRANET.TTNUS.COM CLICK ON FIELD LOG SHEETS

Groundwater Sample Log Sheet
Surface Water Sample Log Sheet
Soil/Sediment Sample Log Sheet
Container Sample and Inspection Sheet
Geochemical Parameters (Natural Attenuation)
Groundwater Level Measurement Sheet
Pumping Test Data Sheet
Packer Test Report Form
Boring Log
Monitoring Well Construction Bedrock Flush Mount
Monitoring Well Construction Bedrock Open Hole
Monitoring Well Construction Bedrock Stick Up
Monitoring Well Construction Confining Layer
Monitoring Well Construction Overburden Flush Mount
Monitoring Well Construction Overburden Stick Up
Test Pit Log
Monitoring Well Materials Certificate of Conformance
Monitoring Well Development Record

Daily Activities Record
Field Task Modification Request
Hydraulic Conductivity Test Data Sheet
Low Flow Purge Data Sheet
QA Sample Log Sheet
Equipment Calibration Log
Field Project Daily Activities Checklist
Field Project Pre-Mobilization Checklist

ATTACHMENT A
TYPICAL SITE LOGBOOK ENTRY

START TIME: ______________________ DATE: ______________________

SITE LEADER: ____
PERSONNEL:

TtNUS	DRILLER	SITE VISITORS
________	________	________
________	________	________
________	________	________

WEATHER: Clear, 68°F, 2-5 mph wind from SE

ACTIVITIES:

1. Steam jenney and fire hoses were set up.
2. Drilling activities at well ____ resumes. Rig geologist was ______________. See Geologist's Notebook, No. 1, page 29-30, for details of drilling activity. Sample No. 123-21-S4 collected; see sample logbook, page 42. Drilling activities completed at 11:50 and a 4-inch stainless steel well installed. See Geologist's Notebook, No. 1, page 31, and well construction details for well ______.
3. Drilling rig No. 2 steam-cleaned at decontamination pit. Then set up at location of well _______.
4. Well ______ drilled. Rig geologist was ___________________. See Geologist's Notebook, No. 2, page ____ for details of drilling activities. Sample numbers 123-22-S1, 123-22-S2, and 123-22-S3 collected; see sample logbook, pages 43, 44, and 45.
5. Well _____ was developed. Seven 55-gallon drums were filled in the flushing stage. The well was then pumped using the pitcher pump for 1 hour. At the end of the hour, water pumped from well was "sand free."
6. EPA remedial project manger arrives on site at 14:25 hours.
7. Large dump truck arrives at 14:45 and is steam-cleaned. Backhoe and dump truck set up over test pit _________.
8. Test pit _______ dug with cuttings placed in dump truck. Rig geologist was _______________. See Geologist's Notebook, No. 1, page 32, for details of test pit activities. Test pit subsequently filled. No samples taken for chemical analysis. Due to shallow groundwater table, filling in of test pit ___ resulted in a very soft and wet area. A mound was developed and the area roped off.
9. Express carrier picked up samples (see Sample Logbook, pages 42 through 45) at 17:50 hours. Site activities terminated at 18:22 hours. All personnel off site, gate locked.

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Field Operations Leader

ATTACHMENT B

Tetra Tech NUS, Inc. 661 Andersen Drive Pittsburgh, 15220 (412)921-7090	**Project:** **Site:** **Location:**	
Sample No:		**Matrix:**
Date:	**Time:**	**Preserve:**
Analysis:		
Sampled by:		**Laboratory:**

ATTACHMENT C

TETRA TECH NUS, INC. CHAIN OF CUSTODY | NUMBER 3413 | PAGE ___ OF _____

PROJECT NO:	FACILITY:	PROJECT MANAGER	PHONE NUMBER	LABORATORY NAME AND CONTACT:
SAMPLERS (SIGNATURE)		FIELD OPERATIONS LEADER	PHONE NUMBER	ADDRESS
		CARRIER/WAYBILL NUMBER		CITY, STATE

STANDARD TAT ☐
RUSH TAT ☐
☐ 24 hr. ☐ 48 hr. ☐ 72 hr. ☐ 7 day ☐ 14 day

CONTAINER TYPE PLASTIC (P) or GLASS (G)

PRESERVATIVE USED

TYPE OF ANALYSIS

DATE YEAR	TIME	SAMPLE ID	LOCATION ID	TOP DEPTH (FT)	BOTTOM DEPTH (FT)	MATRIX (GW, SO, SW, SD, QC, ETC.)	COLLECTION METHOD GRAP (G) COMP (C)	No. OF CONTAINERS									COMMENTS

1. RELINQUISHED BY	DATE	TIME	1. RECEIVED BY	DATE	TIME
2. RELINQUISHED BY	DATE	TIME	2. RECEIVED BY	DATE	TIME
3. RELINQUISHED BY	DATE	TIME	3. RECEIVED BY	DATE	TIME
COMMENTS					

DISTRIBUTION: WHITE (ACCOMPANIES SAMPLE) YELLOW (FIELD COPY) PINK (FILE COPY)

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FORM NO. TtNUS-001

ATTACHMENT D

CHAIN-OF-CUSTODY SEAL

Signature	**CUSTODY SEAL**
Date	Date
CUSTODY SEAL	Signature

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1.0 PURPOSE

The purpose of this Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) is to provide information on sample preservation, packaging, and shipping procedures to be used in handling environmental samples submitted for chemical constituent, biological, or geotechnical analysis. Sample chain-of-custody procedures and other aspects of field documentation are addressed in SOP SA-6.3. Sample identification is addressed in SOP CT-04.

2.0 SCOPE

This procedure describes the appropriate containers to be used for samples depending on the analyses to be performed, and the steps necessary to preserve the samples when shipped off site for chemical analysis.

3.0 GLOSSARY

Hazardous Material - A substance or material which has been determined by the Secretary of Transportation to be capable of posing an unreasonable risk to health, safety, and property when transported in commerce, and which has been so designated. Under 49 CFR, the term includes hazardous substances, hazardous wastes, marine pollutants, and elevated temperature materials, as well as materials designated as hazardous under the provisions of §172.101 and §172.102 and materials that meet the defining criteria for hazard classes and divisions in Part 173. With slight modifications, IATA has adopted DOT "hazardous materials" as IATA "Dangerous Goods."

Hazardous Waste - Any substance listed in 40 CFR, Subpart D (¥261.30 et seq.), or otherwise characterized as ignitable, corrosive, reactive, or toxic (as defined by Toxicity Characteristic Leaching Procedure, TCLP, analysis) as specified under 40 CFR, Subpart C (¥261.20 et seq.), that would be subject to manifest requirements specified in 40 CFR 262. Such substances are defined and regulated by EPA.

Marking - A descriptive name, identification number, instructions, cautions, weight, specification or UN marks, or combination thereof required on outer packaging of hazardous materials.

n.o.i - Not otherwise indicated (may be used interchangeably with n.o.s.).

n.o.s. - Not otherwise specified.

Packaging - A receptacle and any other components or materials necessary for compliance with the minimum packaging requirements of 49 CFR 174, including containers (other than freight containers or overpacks), portable tanks, cargo tanks, tank cars, and multi-unit tank-car tanks to perform a containment function in conformance with the minimum packaging requirements of 49 CFR 173.24(a) & (b).

Placard - Color-coded, pictorial sign which depicts the hazard class symbol and name and which is placed on the side of a vehicle transporting certain hazardous materials.

Common Preservatives:

- Hydrochloric Acid - HCl
- Sulfuric Acid - H_2SO_4
- Nitric Acid - HNO_3
- Sodium Hydroxide - NaOH

Other Preservatives

- Zinc Acetate
- Sodium Thiosulfate - $Na_2S_2O_3$

Normality (N) - Concentration of a solution expressed as equivalent per liter, an equivalent being the amount of a substance containing 1 gram-atom of replaceable hydrogen or its equivalent.

Reportable Quantity (RQ) - For the purposes of this SOP, means the quantity specified in column 3 of the Appendix to DOT 49 CFR §172.101 for any material identified in column 1 of the appendix. A spill greater than the amount specified must be reported to the National Response Center.

Sample - A sample is physical evidence collected from a facility or the environment, which is representative of conditions at the location and time of collection.

4.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

Field Operations Leader - Directly responsible for the bottling, preservation, labeling, packaging, shipping, and custody of samples up to and including release to the shipper.

Field Samplers - Responsible for initiating the Chain-of-Custody Record (per SOP SA-6.3), implementing the packaging and shipping requirements, and maintaining custody of samples until they are relinquished to another custodian or to the shipper.

5.0 PROCEDURES

Sample identification, labeling, documentation, and chain-of-custody are addressed by SOP SA-6.3.

5.1 Sample Containers

Different types of chemicals react differently with sample containers made of various materials. For example, trace metals adsorb more strongly to glass than to plastic, whereas many organic chemicals may dissolve various types of plastic containers. Attachments A and B show proper containers (as well as other information) per 40 CFR 136. In general, the sample container shall allow approximately 5-10 percent air space ("ullage") to allow for expansion/vaporization if the sample warms during transport. However, for collection of volatile organic compounds, head space shall be omitted. The analytical laboratory will generally provide certified-clean containers for samples to be analyzed for chemical constituents. Shelby tubes or other sample containers are generally provided by the driller for samples requiring geotechnical analysis. Sufficient lead time shall be allowed for a delivery of sample container orders. Therefore, it is critical to use the correct container to maintain the integrity of the sample prior to analysis.

Once opened, the container must be used at once for storage of a particular sample. Unused but opened containers are to be considered contaminated and must be discarded. Because of the potential for introduction of contamination, they cannot be reclosed and saved for later use. Likewise, any unused containers which appear contaminated upon receipt, or which are found to have loose caps or a missing Teflon liner (if required for the container), shall be discarded.

5.2 Sample Preservation

Many water and soil samples are unstable and therefore require preservation to prevent changes in either the concentration or the physical condition of the constituent(s) requiring analysis. Although complete and irreversible preservation of samples is not possible, preservation does retard the chemical and biological changes that inevitably take place after the sample is collected. Preservation techniques are usually limited to pH control, chemical addition(s), and refrigeration/ freezing (certain biological samples only).

5.2.1 Overview

The preservation techniques to be used for various analytes are listed in Attachments A and B. Reagents required for sample preservation will either be added to the sample containers by the laboratory prior to their shipment to the field or be added in the field (in a clean environment). Only high purity reagents shall be used for preservation. In general, aqueous samples of low-concentration organics (or soil samples of low- or medium-concentration organics) are cooled to 4°C. Medium-concentration aqueous samples, high-hazard organic samples, and some gas samples are typically not preserved. Low-concentration aqueous samples for metals are acidified with HNO_3, whereas medium-concentration and high-hazard aqueous metal samples are not preserved. Low- or medium-concentration soil samples for metals are cooled to 4°C, whereas high-hazard samples are not cooled.

The following subsections describe the procedures for preparing and adding chemical preservatives. Attachments A and B indicate the specific analytes which require these preservatives.

The FOL is responsible for ensuring that an accurate Chemical Inventory is created and maintained for all hazardous chemicals brought to the work site (see Section 5 of the TtNUS Health and Safety Guidance Manual). Furthermore, the FOL must ensure that a corresponding Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) is collected for every substance entered on the site Chemical Inventory, and that all persons using/handling/ disposing of these substances review the appropriate MSDS for substances they will work with. The Chemical Inventory and the MSDSs must be maintained at each work site in a location and manner where they are readily-accessible to all personnel.

5.2.2 Preparation and Addition of Reagents

Addition of the following acids or bases may be specified for sample preservation; these reagents shall be analytical reagent (AR) grade or purer and shall be diluted to the required concentration with deionized water before field sampling commences. To avoid uncontrolled reactions, be sure to Add Acid to water (not vice versa). A dilutions guide is provided below.

Acid/Base	Dilution	Concentration	Estimated Amount Required for Preservation
Hydrochloric Acid (HCl)	1 part concentrated HCl: 1 part double-distilled, deionized water	6N	5-10 mL
Sulfuric Acid (H_2SO_4)	1 part concentrated H_2SO_4: 1 part double-distilled, deionized water	18N	2 - 5 mL
Nitric Acid (HNO_3)	Undiluted concentrated HNO_3	16N	2 - 5 mL
Sodium Hydroxide (NaOH)	400 grams solid NaOH dissolved in 870 mL double-distilled, deionized water; yields 1 liter of solution	10N	2 mL

The amounts required for preservation shown in the above table assumes proper preparation of the preservative and addition of the preservative to one liter of aqueous sample. This assumes that the sample is initially at pH 7, is poorly buffered, and does not contain particulate matter; as these conditions vary, more preservative may be required. Consequently, the final sample pH must be checked using narrow-range pH paper, as described in the generalized procedure detailed below:

- Pour off 5-10 mL of sample into a dedicated, clean container. Use some of this sample to check the initial sample pH using wide range (0-14) pH paper. Never dip the pH paper into the sample; always apply a drop of sample to the pH paper using a clean stirring rod or pipette.

- Add about one-half of the estimated preservative required to the original sample bottle. Cap and invert gently several times to mix. Check pH (as described above) using medium range pH paper (pH 0-6 or pH 7.5-14, as applicable).

- Cap sample bottle and seal securely.

Additional considerations are discussed below:

- To test if ascorbic acid must be used to remove oxidizing agents present in the sample before it can be properly preserved, place a drop of sample on KI-starch paper. A blue color indicates the need for ascorbic acid addition.

  If required, add a few crystals of ascorbic acid to the sample and retest with the KI-starch paper. Repeat until a drop of sample produces no color on the KI-starch paper. Then add an additional 0.6 grams of ascorbic acid per each liter of sample volume.

  Continue with proper base preservation of the sample as described above.

- Samples for sulfide analysis must be treated by the addition of 4 drops (0.2 mL) of 2N zinc acetate solution per 100 ml of sample.

  The 2N zinc acetate solution is made by dissolving 220 grams of zinc acetate in 870 mL of double-distilled, deionized water to make 1 liter of solution.

  The sample pH is then raised to 9 using the NaOH preservative.

- Sodium thiosulfate must be added to remove residual chlorine from a sample. To test the sample for residual chlorine use a field test kit specially made for this purpose.

  If residual chlorine is present, add 0.08 grams of sodium thiosulfate per liter of sample to remove the residual chlorine.

  Continue with proper acidification of the sample as described above.

For biological samples, 10% buffered formalin or isopropanol may also be required for preservation. Questions regarding preservation requirements should be resolved through communication with the laboratory before sampling begins.

5.3 Field Filtration

At times, field-filtration may be required to provide for the analysis of dissolved chemical constituents. Field-filtration must be performed prior to the preservation of samples as described above. General procedures for field filtration are described below:

- The sample shall be filtered through a non-metallic, 0.45-micron membrane filter, immediately after collection. The filtration system shall consist of dedicated filter canister, dedicated tubing, and a peristaltic pump with pressure or vacuum pumping squeeze action (since the sample is filtered by mechanical peristalsis, the sample travels only through the tubing).

- To perform filtration, thread the tubing through the peristaltic pump head. Attach the filter canister to the discharge end of the silicon tubing (note flow direction arrow); attach the aqueous sample container to the intake end of the silicon tubing. Turn the peristaltic pump on and perform filtration. Run approximately 100 ml of sample through the filter and discard prior to sample collection.

- Continue by preserving the filtrate (contained in the filter canister), as applicable and generally described above.

5.4 Sample Packaging and Shipping

Only employees who have successfully completed the TtNUS "Shipping Hazardous Materials" training course are authorized to package and ship hazardous substances. These trained individuals are responsible for performing shipping duties in accordance with this training.

Samples collected for shipment from a site shall be classified as either environmental or hazardous material samples. Samples from drums containing materials other than Investigative Derived Waste (IDW) and samples obtained from waste piles or bulk storage tanks are generally shipped as hazardous materials. A distinction must be made between the two types of samples in order to:

- Determine appropriate procedures for transportation of samples (if there is any doubt, a sample shall be considered hazardous and shipped accordingly.)

- Protect the health and safety of transport and laboratory personnel receiving the samples (special precautions are used by the shipper and at laboratories when hazardous materials are received.)

Detailed procedures for packaging environmental samples are outlined in the remainder of this section.

5.4.1 Environmental Samples

Environmental samples are packaged as follows:

- Place properly identified sample container, with lid securely fastened, in a plastic bag (e.g. Ziploc baggie), and seal the bag.

- Place sample in a cooler constructed of sturdy material which has been lined with a large, plastic bag (e.g. "garbage" bag). Drain plugs on coolers must be taped shut.

- Pack with enough cushioning materials such as bubble wrap (shoulders of bottles must be iced if required) to minimize the possibility of the container breaking.

- If cooling is required (see Attachments A and B), place ice around sample container shoulders, and on top of packing material (minimum of 8 pounds of ice for a medium-size cooler).

- Seal (i.e., tape or tie top in knot) large liner bag.

- The original (top, signed copy) of the COC form shall be placed inside a large Ziploc-type bag and taped inside the lid of the shipping cooler. If multiple coolers are sent but are included on one COC form, the COC form should be sent with the cooler containing the vials for VOC analysis. The COC form should then state how many coolers are included with that shipment.

- Close and seal outside of cooler as described in SOP SA-6.3. Signed custody seals must be used.

Coolers must be marked as containing "Environmental Samples." The appropriate side of the container must be marked "This End Up" and arrows placed appropriately. No DOT marking or labeling is required; there are no DOT restrictions on mode of transportation.

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ATTACHMENT A

GENERAL SAMPLE CONTAINER AND PRESERVATION REQUIREMENTS

Sample Type and Concentration		Container[1]	Sample Size	Preservation[2]	Holding Time[2]
WATER					
Organics (GC&GC/MS)	VOC Low	Borosilicate glass	2 x 40 mL	Cool to 4°C HCl to ≤ 2	14 days[9]
	Extractables (Low SVOCs and pesticide/PCBs)	Amber glass	2x2 L or 4x1 L	Cool to 4°C	7 days to extraction; 40 days after extraction
	Extractables (Medium SVOCs and pesticide/PCBs)	Amber glass	2x2 L or 4x1 L	None	7 days to extraction; 40 days after extraction
Inorganics	Metals Low	High-density polyethylene	1 L	HNO_3 to pH ≤2	6 months (Hg-28 days)
	Medium	Wide-mouth glass	16 oz.	None	6 months
	Cyanide Low	High-density polyethylene	1 L	NaOH to pH>12	14 days
	Cyanide Medium	Wide-mouth glass	16 oz.	None	14 days
Organic/ Inorganic	High Hazard	Wide-mouth glass	8 oz.	None	14 days
SOIL					
Organics (GC&GC/MS)	VOC	EnCore Sampler	(3) 5 g Samplers	Cool to 4°C	48 hours to lab preservation
	Extractables (Low SVOCs and pesticides/PCBs)	Wide-mouth glass	8 oz.	Cool to 4°C	14 days to extraction; 40 days after extraction
	Extractables (Medium SVOCs and pesticides/PCBs)	Wide-mouth glass	8 oz.	Cool to 4°C	14 days to extraction; 40 days after extraction
Inorganics	Low/Medium	Wide-mouth glass	8 oz.	Cool to 4°C	6 months (Hg - 28 days) Cyanide (14 days)
Organic/Inorganic	High Hazard	Wide-mouth glass	8 oz.	None	NA
Dioxin/Furan	All	Wide-mouth glass	4 oz.	None	35 days until extraction; 40 days after extraction
TCLP	All	Wide-mouth glass	8 oz.	None	7 days until preparation; analysis as per fraction
AIR					
Volatile Organics	Low/Medium	Charcoal tube -- 7 cm long, 6 mm OD, 4 mm ID	100 L air	Cool to 4°C	5 days recommended

1 All glass containers should have Teflon cap liners or septa.
2 See Attachment E. Preservation and maximum holding time allowances per 40 CFR 136.

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Parameter Number/Name	Container[1]	Preservation[2][3]	Maximum Holding Time[4]
INORGANIC TESTS:			
Acidity	P, G	Cool, 4°C	14 days
Alkalinity	P, G	Cool, 4°C	14 days
Ammonia - Nitrogen	P, G	Cool, 4°C; H_2SO_4 to pH 2	28 days
Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD)	P, G	Cool, 4°C	48 hours
Bromide	P, G	None required	28 days
Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD)	P, G	Cool, 4°C; H_2SO_4 to pH 2	28 days
Chloride	P, G	None required	28 days
Chlorine, Total Residual	P, G	None required	Analyze immediately
Color	P, G	Cool, 4°C	48 hours
Cyanide, Total and Amenable to Chlorination	P, G	Cool, 4°C; NaOH to pH 12; 0.6 g ascorbic acid[5]	14 days[6]
Fluoride	P	None required	28 days
Hardness	P, G	HNO_3 to pH 2; H_2SO_4 to pH 2	6 months
Total Kjeldahl and Organic Nitrogen	P, G	Cool, 4°C; H_2SO_4 to pH 2	28 days
Nitrate - Nitrogen	P, G	None required	48 hours
Nitrate-Nitrite - Nitrogen	P, G	Cool, 4°C; H_2SO_4 to pH 2	28 days
Nitrite - Nitrogen	P, G	Cool, 4°C	48 hours
Oil & Grease	G	Cool, 4°C; H_2SO_4 to pH 2	28 days
Total Organic Carbon (TOC)	P, G	Cool, 4°C; HCl or H_2SO_4 to pH 2	28 days
Orthophosphate	P, G	Filter immediately; Cool, 4°C	48 hours
Oxygen, Dissolved-Probe	G Bottle & top	None required	Analyze immediately
Oxygen, Dissolved-Winkler	G Bottle & top	Fix on site and store in dark	8 hours
Phenols	G	Cool, 4°C; H_2SO_4 to pH 2	28 days
Phosphorus, Total	P, G	Cool, 4°C; H_2SO_4 to pH 2	28 days
Residue, Total	P, G	Cool, 4°C	7 days
Residue, Filterable (TDS)	P, G	Cool, 4°C	7 days
Residue, Nonfilterable (TSS)	P, G	Cool, 4°C	7 days
Residue, Settleable	P, G	Cool, 4°C	48 hours
Residue, Volatile (Ash Content)	P, G	Cool, 4°C	7 days
Silica	P	Cool, 4°C	28 days
Specific Conductance	P, G	Cool, 4°C	28 days
Sulfate	P, G	Cool, 4°C	28 days

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Parameter Number/Name	Container(1)	Preservation(2)(3)	Maximum Holding Time(4)
INORGANIC TESTS (Cont'd):			
Sulfide	P, G	Cool, 4°C; add zinc acetate plus sodium hydroxide to pH 9	7 days
Sulfite	P, G	None required	Analyze immediately
Turbidity	P, G	Cool, 4°C	48 hours
METALS:(7)			
Chromium VI (Hexachrome)	P, G	Cool, 4°C	24 hours
Mercury (Hg)	P, G	HNO_3 to pH 2	28 days
Metals, except Chromium VI and Mercury	P, G	HNO_3 to pH 2	6 months
ORGANIC TESTS:(8)			
Purgeable Halocarbons	G, Teflon-lined septum	Cool, 4°C; 0.008% $Na_2S_2O_3$(5)	14 days
Purgeable Aromatic Hydrocarbons	G, Teflon-lined septum	Cool, 4°C; 0.008% $Na_2S_2O_3$(5) HCl to pH 2 (9)	14 days
Acrolein and Acrylonitrile	G, Teflon-lined septum	Cool, 4°C; 0.008% $Na_2S_2O_3$(5) adjust pH to 4-5 (10)	14 days
Phenols(11)	G, Teflon-lined cap	Cool, 4°C; 0.008% $Na_2S_2O_3$(5)	7 days until extraction; 40 days after extraction
Benzidines(11), (12)	G, Teflon-lined cap	Cool, 4°C; 0.008% $Na_2S_2O_3$(5)	7 days until extraction(13)
Phthalate esters(11)	G, Teflon-lined cap	Cool, 4°C	7 days until extraction; 40 days after extraction
Nitrosamines(11), (14)	G, Teflon-lined cap	Cool, 4°C; store in dark; 0.008% $Na_2S_2O_3$(5)	7 days until extraction; 40 days after extraction
PCBs(11)	G, Teflon-lined cap	Cool, 4°C	7 days until extraction; 40 days after extraction
Nitroaromatics & Isophorone(11)	G, Teflon-lined cap	Cool, 4°C; 0.008% $Na_2S_2O_3$(5); store in dark	7 days until extraction; 40 days after extraction
Polynuclear Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs)(11),(14)	G, Teflon-lined cap	Cool, 4°C; 0.008% $Na_2S_2O_3$(5); store in dark	7 days until extraction; 40 days after extraction
Haloethers(11)	G, Teflon-lined cap	Cool, 4°C; 0.008% $Na_2S_2O_3$(5)	7 days until extraction; 40 days after extraction
Dioxin/Furan (TCDD/TCDF)(11)	G, Teflon-lined cap	Cool, 4°C; 0.008% $Na_2S_2O_3$(5)	7 days until extraction; 40 days after extraction

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(1) Polyethylene (P): generally 500 ml or Glass (G): generally 1L.
(2) Sample preservation should be performed immediately upon sample collection. For composite chemical samples each aliquot should be preserved at the time of collection. When use of an automated sampler makes it impossible to preserve each aliquot, then chemical samples may be preserved by maintaining at 4°C until compositing and sample splitting is completed.
(3) When any sample is to be shipped by common carrier or sent through the United States Mail, it must comply with the Department of Transportation Hazardous Materials Regulations (49 CFR Part 172).
(4) Samples should be analyzed as soon as possible after collection. The times listed are the maximum times that samples may be held before analysis and still be considered valid. Samples may be held for longer periods only if the permittee, or monitoring laboratory, has data on file to show that the specific types of samples under study are stable for the longer periods, and has received a variance from the Regional Administrator.
(5) Should only be used in the presence of residual chlorine.
(6) Maximum holding time is 24 hours when sulfide is present. Optionally, all samples may be tested with lead acetate paper before pH adjustments are made to determine if sulfide is present. If sulfide is present, it can be removed by the addition of cadmium nitrate powder until a negative spot test is obtained. The sample is filtered and then NaOH is added to pH 12.
(7) Samples should be filtered immediately on site before adding preservative for dissolved metals.
(8) Guidance applies to samples to be analyzed by GC, LC, or GC/MS for specific compounds.
(9) Sample receiving no pH adjustment must be analyzed within 7 days of sampling.
(10) The pH adjustment is not required if acrolein will not be measured. Samples for acrolein receiving no pH adjustment must be analyzed within 3 days of sampling.
(11) When the extractable analytes of concern fall within a single chemical category, the specified preservative and maximum holding times should be observed for optimum safeguard of sample integrity. When the analytes of concern fall within two or more chemical categories, the sample may be preserved by cooling to 4°C, reducing residual chlorine with 0.008% sodium thiosulfate, storing in the dark, and adjusting the pH to 6-9; samples preserved in this manner may be held for 7 days before extraction and for 40 days after extraction. Exceptions to this optional preservation and holding time procedure are noted in footnote 5 (re: the requirement for thiosulfate reduction of residual chlorine) and footnotes 12, 13 (re: the analysis of benzidine).
(12) If 1,2-diphenylthydrazine is likely to be present, adjust the pH of the sample to 4.0±0.2 to prevent rearrangement to benzidine.
(13) Extracts may be stored up to 7 days before analysis if storage is conducted under an inert (oxidant-free) atmosphere.
(14) For the analysis of diphenylnitrosamine, add 0.008% $Na_2S_2O_3$ and adjust pH to 7-10 with NaOH within 24 hours of sampling.
(15) The pH adjustment may be performed upon receipt at the laboratory and may be omitted if the samples are extracted within 72 hours of collection. For the analysis of aldrin, add 0.008% $Na_2S_2O_3$.

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1.0 PURPOSE

The purpose of this procedure is to provide general reference information regarding the sampling of groundwater wells.

2.0 SCOPE

This procedure provides information on proper sampling equipment, onsite water quality testing, and techniques for groundwater sampling. Review of the information contained herein will facilitate planning of the field sampling effort by describing standard sampling techniques. The techniques described shall be followed whenever applicable, noting that site-specific conditions or project-specific plans may require modifications to methodology.

3.0 GLOSSARY

Conductivity – Conductivity is a numerical expression of the ability of an aqueous solution to carry an electric current. This ability depends on the presence of ions, their total concentration, mobility, valence, and relative concentrations, and on temperature of measure. Conductivity is highly dependent on temperature and should be reported at a particular temperature, i.e., 20.2 mS/cm at 14°C.

Dissolved Oxygen (DO) – DO levels in natural and wastewater depend on the physical, chemical, and biochemical activities in the water sample.

Oxidation-Reduction Potential (ORP) - A measure of the activity ratio of oxidizing and reducing species as determined by the electromotive force developed by a noble metal electrode, immersed in water, as referenced against a standard hydrogen electrode.

pH - The negative logarithm (base 10) of the hydrogen ion activity. The hydrogen ion activity is related to the hydrogen ion concentration, and, in a relatively weak solution, the two are nearly equal. Thus, for all practical purposes, pH is a measure of the hydrogen ion concentration.

pH Paper - Indicator paper that turns different colors depending on the pH of the solution to which it is exposed. Comparison with color standards supplied by the manufacturer will then give an indication of the solution's pH.

Salinity – The measurement of dissolved salts in a given mass of solution. Note: most field meters determined salinity automatically from conductivity and temperature. The displayed value will be displayed in either parts per thousand (ppt) or % (e.g., 35 ppt will equal 3.5%).

Turbidity – Turbidity in water is caused by suspended matter, such as clay, silt, fine organic and inorganic matter. Turbidity is an expression of the optical property that causes light to be scattered and absorbed rather than transmitted in a straight line through the sample.

4.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

Project Hydrogeologist - Responsible for selecting and detailing the specific groundwater sampling techniques, onsite water quality testing (type, frequency, and location), and equipment to be used, and providing detailed input in this regard to the project plan documents. The project hydrogeologist is also responsible for properly briefing and overseeing the performance of the site sampling personnel.

Project Geologist/Field Sample Technician - is primarily responsible for the proper acquisition of the groundwater samples. He/she is also responsible for the actual analyses of onsite water quality samples, as well as instrument calibration, care, and maintenance. When appropriate, such responsibilities may be performed by other qualified personnel (e.g., field technicians).

5.0 PROCEDURES

5.1 General

To be useful and accurate, a groundwater sample must be representative of the particular zone of the water being sampled. The physical, chemical, and bacteriological integrity of the sample must be maintained from the time of sampling to the time of analysis in order to keep any changes in water quality parameters to a minimum.

Methods for withdrawing samples from completed wells include the use of pumps, compressed air, bailers, and various types of samplers. The primary considerations in obtaining a representative sample of the groundwater are to avoid collection of stagnant (standing) water in the well and to avoid physical or chemical alteration of the water due to sampling techniques. In a non-pumping well, there will be little or no vertical mixing of water in the well pipe or casing, and stratification will occur. The well water in the screened section will mix with the groundwater due to normal flow patterns, but the well water above the screened section will remain isolated and become stagnant. To safeguard against collecting non-representative stagnant water in a sample, the following approach shall be followed prior to sample acquisition:

1. All monitoring wells shall be purged prior to obtaining a sample. Evacuation of three to five volumes is recommended prior to sampling. In a high-yielding groundwater formation and where there is no stagnant water in the well above the screened section, extensive evacuation prior to sample withdrawal is not as critical.

2. For wells that can be purged dry, the well shall be evacuated and allowed to recover to 75% full capacity prior to sample acquisition. If the recovery rate is fairly rapid, evacuation of more than one volume of water is required.

3. For high-yielding monitoring wells which cannot be evacuated to dryness, there is no absolute safeguard against contaminating the sample with stagnant water. One of the following techniques shall be used to minimize this possibility:

   - A submersible pump or the intake line of a surface pump or bailer shall be placed just below the water surface when removing the stagnant water and lowered as the water level drops. Three to five volumes of water shall be removed to provide reasonable assurance that all stagnant water has been evacuated. Once this is accomplished, a bailer or other approved device may be used to collect the sample for analysis.

   - The intake line of the sampling pump (or the submersible pump itself) unless otherwise directed shall be placed near the center of the screened section, and approximately one casing volume of water shall be pumped from the well at a low purge rate, equal to the well's recovery rate (low flow sampling).

Stratification of contaminants may exist in the aquifer. Concentration gradients as a result of mixing and dispersion processes, layers of variable permeability, and the presence of separate-phase product (i.e., floating hydrocarbons) may cause stratification. Excessive pumping or improper sampling methods can dilute or increase the contaminant concentrations in the recovered sample compared to what is representative of the integrated water column as it naturally occurs at that point, thus the result is the collection of a non-representative sample.

5.2 Sampling, Monitoring, and Evacuation Equipment

Sample containers shall conform with the guidelines expressed in SOP SA-6.1.

The following equipment shall be on hand when sampling groundwater wells (reference SOPs SA-6.1 and SA-7.1):

- Sample packaging and shipping equipment - Coolers for sample shipping and cooling, chemical preservatives, appropriate sampling containers and filler, ice, labels and chain-of-custody documents.
- Field tools and instrumentation - Multi-parameters water quality meter capable of measuring ORP, pH, temperature, DO, specific conductance, turbidity and salinity or individual meters (as applicable), pH paper, camera and film (if appropriate), appropriate keys (for locked wells), water level indicator.
- Pumps
  - Shallow-well pumps: Centrifugal, bladder, suction, or peristaltic pumps with droplines, air-lift apparatus (compressor and tubing) where applicable.
  - Deep-well pumps: Submersible pump and electrical power-generating unit, or bladder pumps where applicable.
- Other sampling equipment - Bailers and inert line with tripod-pulley assembly (if necessary).
- Pails - Plastic, graduated.
- Decontamination solutions - Deionized water, potable water, laboratory detergents, 10% nitric acid solution (as required), and analytical-grade solvent (e.g., pesticide-grade isopropanol), as required.

Ideally, sample withdrawal equipment shall be completely inert, economical, easily cleaned, cleaned prior to use, reusable, able to operate at remote sites in the absence of power sources, and capable of delivering variable rates for well purging and sample collection.

5.3 Calculations of Well Volume

To insure that the proper volume of water has been removed from the well prior to sampling it is first necessary to know the volume of standing water in the well pipe. This volume can be easily calculated by the following method. Calculations shall be entered in the site logbook or field notebook or on a sample log sheet form (see SOP SA-6.3):

- Obtain all available information on well construction (location, casing, screens, etc.).
- Determine well or inner casing diameter.
- Measure and record static water level (depth below ground level or top of casing reference point).
- Determine depth of well by sounding using a clean, decontaminated, weighted tape measure.

- Calculate number of linear feet of static water (total depth or length of well pipe minus the depth to static water level).

- Calculate one static well volume in gallons $V = (0.163)(T)(r^2)1$

where:	V	=	Static volume of well in gallons.
	T=		Thickness of water table in the well measured in feet (i.e., linear feet of static water).
	r	=	Inside radius of well casing in inches.
	0.163	=	A constant conversion factor which compensates for the conversion of the casing radius from inches to feet, the conversion of cubic feet to gallons, and pi.

- Per evacuation volumes discussed above, determine the minimum amount to be evacuated before sampling.

5.4 Evacuation of Static Water (Purging)

5.4.1 General

The amount of purging a well shall receive prior to sample collection will depend on the intent of the monitoring program and the hydrogeologic conditions. Programs to determine overall quality of water resources may require long pumping periods to obtain a sample that is representative of a large volume of that aquifer. The pumped volume may be specified prior to sampling so that the sample can be a composite of a known volume of the aquifer. Alternately the well can be pumped until the parameters such as temperature, specific conductance, pH, and turbidity (as applicable), have stabilized. Onsite measurements of these parameters shall be recorded in the site logbook, field notebook, or on standardized data sheets.

5.4.2 Evacuation Devices

The following discussion is limited to those devices commonly used at hazardous waste sites. Attachment A provides guidance on the proper evacuation device to use for given sampling situations. Note that all of these techniques involve equipment which is portable and readily available.

Bailers

Bailers are the simplest evacuation devices used and have many advantages. They generally consist of a length of pipe with a sealed bottom (bucket-type bailer) or, as is more useful and favored, with a ball check-valve at the bottom. An inert line is used to lower the bailer and retrieve the sample.

Advantages of bailers include:

- Few limitations on size and materials used for bailers.
- No external power source needed.
- Bailers are inexpensive, and can be dedicated and hung in a well to reduce the chances of cross-contamination.
- Bailers are relatively easy to decontaminate.

Limitations on the use of bailers include the following:

- It is time consuming to remove stagnant water using a bailer.
- Transfer of sample may cause aeration.
- Use of bailers is physically demanding, especially in warm temperatures at protection levels above Level D.

Suction Pumps

There are many different types of inexpensive suction pumps including centrifugal, diaphragm, and peristaltic pumps. Centrifugal and diaphragm pumps can be used for well evacuation at a fast pumping rate and for sampling at a low pumping rate. The peristaltic pump is a low volume pump that uses rollers to squeeze a flexible tubing, thereby creating suction. This tubing can be dedicated to a well to prevent cross contamination.

These pumps are all portable, inexpensive and readily available. However, because they are based on suction, their use is restricted to areas with water levels within 20 to 25 feet of the ground surface. A significant limitation is that the vacuum created by these pumps can cause significant loss of dissolved gases and volatile organics.

Air-Lift Samplers

This group of pump samplers uses gas pressure either in the annulus of the well or in a venturi to force the water up a sampling tube. These pumps are also relatively inexpensive. Air (or gas)-lift samplers are more suitable for well development than for sampling because the samples may be aerated, leading to pH changes and subsequent trace metal precipitation, or loss of volatile organics.

Submersible Pumps

Submersible pumps take in water and push the sample up a sample tube to the surface. The power sources for these samplers may be compressed gas or electricity. The operation principles vary and the displacement of the sample can be by an inflatable bladder, sliding piston, gas bubble, or impeller. Pumps are available for 2-inch-diameter wells and larger. These pumps can lift water from considerable depths (several hundred feet).

Limitations of this class of pumps include:

- They may have low delivery rates.
- Many models of these pumps are expensive.
- Compressed gas or electric power is needed.
- Sediment in water may cause clogging of the valves or eroding the impellers with some of these pumps.
- Decontamination of internal components can be difficult and time-consuming.

5.5 Onsite Water Quality Testing

This section describes the procedures and equipment required to measure the following parameters of an aqueous sample in the field:

- pH
- Specific Conductance
- Temperature
- Dissolved Oxygen (DO)
- Oxidation-Reduction Potential (ORP)

- Turbidity
- Salinity

This section is applicable for use in an onsite groundwater quality monitoring program to be conducted at a hazardous or nonhazardous site. The procedures and equipment described are applicable to groundwater samples and are not, in general, subject to solution interferences from color, turbidity, and colloidal material or suspended matter.

This section provides general information for measuring the parameters listed above with instruments and techniques in common use. Since instruments from different manufacturers may vary, review of the manufacturer's literature pertaining to the use of a specific instrument is required before use. Most meters used to measure field parameters require calibration on a daily basis. Refer to SOP 6.3 for example equipment calibration log.

5.5.1 Measurement of pH

5.5.1.1 General

Measurement of pH is one of the most important and frequently used tests in water chemistry. Practically every phase of water supply and wastewater treatment such as acid-base neutralization, water softening, and corrosion control is pH dependent. Likewise, the pH of leachate can be correlated with other chemical analyses to determine the probable source of contamination. It is therefore important that reasonably accurate pH measurements be taken.

Two methods are given for pH measurement: the pH meter and pH indicator paper. The indicator paper is used when only a rough estimate of the pH is required, and the pH meter when a more accurate measurement is needed. The response of a pH meter can be affected to a slight degree by high levels of colloidal or suspended solids, but the effect is usually small and generally of little significance. Consequently, specific methods to overcome this interference are not described. The response of pH paper is unaffected by solution interferences from color, turbidity, colloidal or suspended materials unless extremely high levels capable of coating or masking the paper are encountered. In such cases, use of a pH meter is recommended.

5.5.1.2 Principles of Equipment Operation

Use of pH papers for pH measurement relies on a chemical reaction caused by the acidity or alkalinity of the solution created by the addition of the water sample reacting with the indicator compound on the paper. Various types of pH papers are available, including litmus (for general acidity or alkalinity determination) and specific pH range hydrion paper.

Use of a pH meter relies on the same principle as other ion-specific electrodes. Measurement relies on establishment of a potential difference across a glass or other type of membrane in response to (in this instance, hydrogen) ion concentration across that membrane. The membrane is conductive to ionic species and, in combination with a standard or reference electrode, a potential difference proportional to the ion concentration is generated and measured.

5.5.1.3 Equipment

The following equipment is needed for taking pH measurements:

- Stand-alone portable pH meter, or combination meter (e.g., Horiba U-10), or combination meters equipped with an in-line sample chamber (e.g., YSI 600 series and Horiba U-22).

- Combination electrode with polymer body to fit the above meter (alternately a pH electrode and a reference electrode can be used if the pH meter is equipped with suitable electrode inputs).
- Buffer solutions, as specified by the manufacturer.
- pH indicator paper, to cover the pH range 2 through 12.
- Manufacturer's operation manual.

5.5.1.4 Measurement Techniques for Field Determination of pH

pH Meter

The following procedure is used for measuring pH with a pH meter (meter standardization is according to manufacturer's instructions):

- Inspect the instrument and batteries prior to initiation of the field effort.
- Check the integrity of the buffer solutions used for field calibration. Buffer solutions need to be changed often as a result of degradation upon exposure to the atmosphere.
- If applicable, make sure all electrolyte solutions within the electrode(s) are at their proper levels and that no air bubbles are present within the electrode(s).
- Calibrate on a daily use basis (or as recommended by manufacturer) following manufacturer's instructions. Record calibration data on an equipment calibration log sheet.
- Immerse the electrode(s) in the sample. Stabilization may take several seconds to minutes. If the pH continues to drift, the sample temperature may not be stable, a physical reaction (e.g., degassing) may be taking place in the sample, or the meter or electrode may be malfunctioning. This must be clearly noted in the logbook.
- Read and record the pH of the sample. pH shall be recorded to the nearest 0.01 pH unit. Also record the sample temperature.
- Rinse the electrode(s) with deionized water.
- Store the electrode(s) in an appropriate manner when not in use.

Any visual observation of conditions which may interfere with pH measurement, such as oily materials, or turbidity, shall be noted.

pH Paper

Use of pH paper is very simple and requires no sample preparation, standardization, etc. pH paper is available in several ranges, including wide-range (indicating approximately pH 1 to 12), mid-range (approximately pH 0 to 6, 6 to 9, 8 to 14) and narrow-range (many available, with ranges as narrow as 1.5 pH units). The appropriate range of pH paper shall be selected. If the pH is unknown the investigation shall start with wide-range paper and proceed with successively narrower range paper until the sample pH is adequately determined.

5.5.2 Measurement of Specific Conductance

5.5.2.1 General

Conductance provides a measure of dissolved ionic species in water and can be used to identify the direction and extent of migration of contaminants in groundwater or surface water. It can also be used as a measure of subsurface biodegradation or to indicate alternate sources of groundwater contamination.

Conductivity is a numerical expression of the ability of a water sample to carry an electric current. This value depends on the total concentration of the ionized substances dissolved in the water and the temperature at which the measurement is made. The mobility of each of the various dissolved ions, their valences, and their actual and relative concentrations affect conductivity.

It is important to obtain a specific conductance measurement soon after taking a sample, since temperature changes, precipitation reactions, and absorption of carbon dioxide from the air all affect the specific conductance. Most conductivity meters in use today display specific conductance (SC); units of milliSiemens per centimeter, which is the conductivity normalized to temperature @ 25°C. This format (SC) is the required units recorded on the groundwater sample log field form (Attachment B).

5.5.2.2 Principles of Equipment Operation

An aqueous system containing ions will conduct an electric current. In a direct-current field, the positive ions migrate toward the negative electrode, while the negatively charged ions migrate toward the positive electrode. Most inorganic acids, bases and salts (such as hydrochloric acid, sodium carbonate, or sodium chloride, respectively) are relatively good conductors. Conversely, organic compounds such as sucrose or benzene, which do not dissociate in aqueous solution, conduct a current very poorly, if at all.

A conductance cell and a Wheatstone Bridge (for the measurement of potential difference) may be used for measurement of electrical resistance. The ratio of current applied to voltage across the cell may also be used as a measure of conductance. The core element of the apparatus is the conductivity cell containing the solution of interest. Depending on ionic strength of the aqueous solution to be tested, a potential difference is developed across the cell which can be converted directly or indirectly (depending on instrument type) to a measurement of specific conductance.

5.5.2.3 Equipment

The following equipment is needed for taking specific conductance (SC) measurements:

- Stand alone portable conductivity meter, or combination meter (e.g., Horiba U-10), or combination meters equipped with an in-line sample chamber (e.g., YSI 600 series and Horiba U-22).
- Calibration solution, as specified by the manufacturer.
- Manufacturer's operation manual.

A variety of conductivity meters are available which may also be used to monitor salinity and temperature. Probe types and cable lengths vary, so equipment must be obtained to meet the specific requirement of the sampling program.

5.5.2.4 Measurement Techniques for Specific Conductance

The steps involved in taking specific conductance measurements are listed below (standardization is according to manufacturer's instructions):

- Check batteries and calibrate instrument before going into the field.
- Calibrate on a daily use basis (or as recommended by manufacturer), according to the manufacturer's instructions and record all pertinent information on an equipment calibration log sheet. Potassium chloride solutions with a SC closest to the values expected in the field shall be used for calibration.
- Rinse the cell with one or more portions of the sample to be tested or with deionized water.
- Immerse the electrode in the sample and measure the conductivity.
- Read and record the results in a field logbook or sample log sheet.
- Rinse the electrode with deionized water.

If the specific conductance measurements become erratic, recalibrate the instrument and see the manufacturer's instructions for details.

5.5.3 Measurement of Temperature

5.5.3.1 General

In combination with other parameters, temperature can be a useful indicator of the likelihood of biological action in a water sample. It can also be used to trace the flow direction of contaminated groundwater. Temperature measurements shall be taken in-situ, or as quickly as possible in the field. Collected water samples may rapidly equilibrate with the temperature of their surroundings.

5.5.3.2 Equipment

Temperature measurements may be taken with alcohol-toluene, mercury filled, dial-type thermometers or combination meters equipped with an in-line sample chamber (e.g., YSI 600 series and Horiba U-22).. In addition, various meters such as specific conductance or dissolved oxygen meters, which have temperature measurement capabilities, may also be used. Using such instrumentation along with suitable probes and cables, in-situ measurements of temperature at great depths can be performed.

5.5.3.3 Measurement Techniques for Water Temperature

If a thermometer is used to determine the temperature for a water sample:

- Immerse the thermometer in the sample until temperature equilibrium is obtained (1-3 minutes). To avoid the possibility of cross-contamination, the thermometer shall not be inserted into samples which will undergo subsequent chemical analysis.
- Record values in a field logbook or sample log sheet.

If a temperature meter or probe is used, the instrument shall be calibrated according to manufacturer's recommendations.

5.5.4 Measurement of Dissolved Oxygen

5.5.4.1 General

Dissolved oxygen (DO) levels in natural water and wastewater depend on the physical, chemical and biochemical activities in the water body. Conversely, the growth of many aquatic organisms as well as the rate of corrosivity, are dependent on the dissolved oxygen concentration. Thus, analysis for dissolved oxygen is a key test in water pollution and waste treatment process control. If at all possible, DO measurements shall be taken in-situ, since concentration may show a large change in a short time if the sample is not adequately preserved.

The monitoring method discussed herein is limited to the use of dissolved oxygen meters only. Chemical methods of analysis (i.e., Winkler methods) are available, but require more equipment and greater sample manipulation. Furthermore, DO meters, using a membrane electrode, are suitable for highly polluted waters, because the probe is completely submersible, and is not susceptible to interference caused by color, turbidity, colloidal material or suspended matter.

5.5.4.2 Principles of Equipment Operation

Dissolved oxygen probes are normally electrochemical cells that have two solid metal electrodes of different nobility immersed in an electrolyte. The electrolyte is retained by an oxygen-permeable membrane. The metal of highest nobility (the cathode) is positioned at the membrane. When a suitable potential exists between the two metals, reduction of oxygen to hydroxide ion (OH^-) occurs at the cathode surface. An electrical current is developed that is directly proportional to the rate of arrival of oxygen molecules at the cathode.

Since the current produced in the probe is directly proportional to the rate of arrival of oxygen at the cathode, it is important that a fresh supply of sample always be in contact with the membrane. Otherwise, the oxygen in the aqueous layer along the membrane is quickly depleted and false low readings are obtained. It is therefore necessary to stir the sample (or the probe) constantly to maintain fresh solution near the membrane interface. Stirring, however, shall not be so vigorous that additional oxygen is introduced through the air-water interface at the sample surface. To avoid this possibility, some probes are equipped with stirrers to agitate the solution near the probe, while leaving the surface of the solution undisturbed.

Dissolved oxygen probes are relatively unaffected by interferences. Interferences that can occur are reactions with oxidizing gases (such as chlorine) or with gases such as hydrogen sulfide, which are not easily depolarized from the indicating electrode. If a gaseous interference is suspected, it shall be noted in the field log book and checked if possible. Temperature variations can also cause interference because probes exhibit temperature sensitivity. Automatic temperature compensation is normally provided by the manufacturer.

5.5.4.3 Equipment

The following equipment is needed to measure dissolved oxygen concentration:

- Stand alone portable dissolved oxygen meter, or combination meter (e.g., Horiba U-10), or combination meters equipped with an in-line sample chamber (e.g., YSI 600 series and Horiba U-22).
- Sufficient cable to allow the probe to contact the sample.
- Manufacturer's operation manual.

5.5.4.4 Measurement Techniques for Dissolved Oxygen Determination

Probes differ as to specifics of use. Follow the manufacturer's instructions to obtain an accurate reading. The following general steps shall be used to measure the dissolved oxygen concentration:

- The equipment shall be calibrated and have its batteries checked before going to the field.
- The probe shall be conditioned in a water sample for as long a period as practical before use in the field. Long periods of dry storage followed by short periods of use in the field may result in inaccurate readings.
- The instrument shall be calibrated in the field according to manufacturer's recommendations or in a freshly air-saturated water sample of known temperature.
- Record all pertinent information on an equipment calibration sheet.
- Rinse the probe with deionized water.
- Immerse the probe in the sample. Be sure to provide for sufficient flow past the membrane by stirring the sample. Probes without stirrers placed in wells can be moved up and down.
- Record the dissolved oxygen content and temperature of the sample in a field logbook or sample log sheet.
- Rinse the probe with deionized water.
- Recalibrate the probe when the membrane is replaced, or as needed. Follow the manufacturer's instructions.

Note that in-situ placement of the probe is preferable, since sample handling is not involved. This however, may not always be practical.

Special care shall be taken during sample collection to avoid turbulence which can lead to increased oxygen solubilization and positive test interferences.

5.5.5 Measurement of Oxidation-Reduction Potential

5.5.5.1 General

The oxidation-reduction potential (ORP) provides a measure of the tendency of organic or inorganic compounds to exist in an oxidized state. The ORP parameter therefore provides evidence of the likelihood of anaerobic degradation of biodegradable organics or the ratio of activities of oxidized to reduced species in the sample.

5.5.5.2 Principles of Equipment Operation

When an inert metal electrode, such as platinum, is immersed in a solution, a potential is developed at that electrode depending on the ions present in the solution. If a reference electrode is placed in the same solution, an ORP electrode pair is established. This electrode pair allows the potential difference between the two electrodes to be measured and is dependent on the concentration of the ions in solution. By this measurement, the ability to oxidize or reduce species in solution may be determined. Supplemental measurements, such as dissolved oxygen, may be correlated with ORP to provide a knowledge of the quality of the solution, water, or wastewater.

5.5.5.3 Equipment

The following equipment is needed for measuring the oxidation-reduction potential of a solution:

- Combination meters with an in-line sample chamber (e.g., YSI 600 series and Horiba U-22).
- Reference solution as specified by the manufacturer.
- Manufacturer's operation manual.

5.5.5.4 Measurement Techniques for Oxidation-Reduction Potential

The following procedure is used for measuring oxidation-reduction potential:

- The equipment shall be checked using the manufacturer's recommended reference solution and have its batteries checked before going to the field.

- Thoroughly rinse the electrode with deionized water.

- If the probe does not respond properly to the recommended reference solution, then verify the sensitivity of the electrodes by noting the change in millivolt reading when the pH of a test solution is altered. The ORP will increase when the pH of a test solution decreases, and the ORP will decrease if the test solution pH is increased. Place the sample in a clean container and agitate the sample. Insert the electrodes and note the ORP drops sharply when the caustic is added (i.e., pH is raised) thus indicating the electrodes are sensitive and operating properly. If the ORP increases sharply when the caustic is added, the polarity is reversed and must be corrected in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions or the probe should be replaced.

- Record all pertinent information on an equipment calibration log sheet.

5.5.6 Measurement of Turbidity

5.5.6.1 General

Turbidity is an expression of the optical property that causes light to be scattered and absorbed rather than transmitted in a straight line through the sample. Turbidity in water is caused by suspended matter, such as clay, silt, finely divided organic and inorganic matter, soluble colored organic compounds, and microscopic organisms, including plankton.

It is important to obtain a turbidity reading immediately after taking a sample, since irreversible changes in turbidity may occur if the sample is stored too long.

5.5.6.2 Principles of Equipment Operation

Turbidity is measured by the Nephelometric Method. This method is based on a comparison of the intensity of light scattered by the sample under defined conditions with the intensity of light scattered by a standard reference suspension under the same conditions. The higher the scattered light intensity, the higher the turbidity.

Formazin polymer is used as the reference turbidity standard suspension because of its ease of preparation combined with a higher reproducibility of its light-scattering properties than clay or turbid natural water. The turbidity of a specified concentration of formazin suspension is defined as 40 nephelometric units. This same suspension has an approximate turbidity of 40 Jackson units when measured on the candle turbidmeter. Therefore, nephelometric turbidity units (NTU) based on the formazin preparation will approximate units derived from the candle turbidimeter but will not be identical to them.

5.5.6.3 Equipment

The following equipment is needed for turbidity measurement:

- Light meter (e.g., LaMotte 2020) which calibrates easily using test cells with standards of 0.0 NTUs, and 10 NTUs, or combination meter (e.g., Horiba U-10), or combination meter equipped with an in-line sample chamber (e.g., YSI 600 series and Horiba U-22).
- Calibration solution, as specified by the manufacturer.
- Manufacturer's operation manual.

5.5.6.4 Measurement Techniques for Turbidity

The steps involved in taking turbidity measurements utilizing an electrode (e) or light meter (l) are listed below (standardization is according to manufacturer's instructions):

- Check batteries and calibrate instrument before going into the field.
- Check the expiration date (etc.) of the solutions used for field calibration.
- Calibrate on a daily use basis, according to the manufacturer's instructions and record all pertinent information on an equipment calibration log sheet.
- Rinse the electrode with one or more portions of the sample to be tested or with deionized water (applies to "e").
- Fill the light meters glass test cell with ~5 ml of sample, screw on cap, wipe off glass, place test cell in light meter and close the lid (applies to "l").
- Immerse the electrode in the sample and measure the turbidity (applies to "e").
- The reading must be taken immediately as suspended solids will settle over time resulting in a lower, inaccurate turbidity reading.
- Read and record the results in a field logbook or sample log sheet. Include a physical description of the sample, including color, qualitative estimate of turbidity, etc.
- Rinse the electrode or test cell with deionized water.

5.5.7 Measurement of Salinity

5.5.7.1 General

Salinity is a unitless property of industrial and natural waters. It is the measurement of dissolved salts in a given mass of solution. Note: Most field meters determined salinity automatically from conductivity and temperature. The displayed value will be displayed in either parts per thousand (ppt) or % (e.g., 35 ppt will equal 3.5%).

5.5.7.2 Principles of Equipment Operation

Salinity is determined automatically from the meter's conductivity and temperature readings according to algorithms (found in *Standard methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater*). Depending on the meter, the results are displayed in either ppt or %. The salinity measurements are carried out in reference to the conductivity of standard seawater (*corrected to S = 35*).

5.5.7.3 Equipment

The following equipment is needed for Salinity measurements:

- Multi-parameter water quality meter capable of measuring conductive, temperature and converting them to salinity (e.g., Horiba U-10 or YSI 600 series).
- Calibration Solution, as specified by the manufacturer.
- Manufacturer's operation manual.

5.5.7.4 Measurement Techniques for Salinity

The steps involved in taking Salinity measurements are listed below (standardization is according to manufacturer's instructions):

- Check batteries and calibrate before going into the field.
- Check the expiration date (etc.) of the solutions used for field calibration.
- Calibrate on a daily use basis, according to the manufacturer's instructions and record all pertinent information on an equipment calibration log sheet.
- Rinse the cell with the sample to be tested.
- Immerse the multi-probe in the sample and measure the salinity. Read and record the results in a field logbook or sample log sheet.
- Rinse the probes with deionized water.

5.6 Sampling

5.6.1 Sampling Plan

The sampling approach consisting of the following, shall be developed as part of the project plan documents which are approved prior to beginning work in the field:

- Background and objectives of sampling.
- Brief description of area and waste characterization.
- Identification of sampling locations, with map or sketch, and applicable well construction data (well size, depth, screened interval, reference elevation).

- Intended number, sequence volumes, and types of samples. If the relative degrees of contamination between wells is unknown or insignificant, a sampling sequence which facilitates sampling logistics may be followed. Where some wells are known or strongly suspected of being highly contaminated, these shall be sampled last to reduce the risk of cross-contamination between wells as a result of the sampling procedures.

- Sample preservation requirements.

- Work schedule.

- List of team members.

- List of observers and contacts.

- Other information, such as the necessity for a warrant or permission of entry, requirement for split samples, access problems, location of keys, etc.

5.6.2 Sampling Methods

The collection of a groundwater sample consists of the following steps:

1. The site Health & Safety Officer (or designee) will first open the well cap and use volatile organic detection equipment (PID or FID) on the escaping gases at the well head to determine the need for respiratory protection.

2. When proper respiratory protection has been donned, sound the well for total depth and water level (using clean equipment) and record these data on a groundwater sampling log sheet (see Attachment B); then calculate the fluid volume in the well pipe (as previously described in this SOP).

3. Calculate well volume to be removed as stated in Section 5.3.

4. Select the appropriate purging equipment (see Attachment A). If an electric submersible pump with packer is chosen, go to Step 10.

5. Lower the purging equipment or intake into the well to a short distance below the water level and begin water removal. Collect the purged water and dispose of it in an acceptable manner (as applicable). Lower the purging device, as required, to maintain submergence.

6. Measure the rate of discharge frequently. A graduated bucket or cylinder and stopwatch are most commonly used.

7. Observe the peristaltic pump intake for degassing "bubbles." If bubbles are abundant and the intake is fully submerged, this pump is not suitable for collecting samples for volatile organics.

8. Purge a minimum of three to five casing volumes before sampling. In low-permeability strata (i.e., if the well is pumped to dryness), one volume will suffice. Purged water shall be collected in a designated container and disposed in an acceptable manner.

9. If sampling using a pump, lower the pump intake to midscreen (or the middle of the open section in uncased wells) and collect the sample. If sampling with a bailer, lower the bailer to just below the water surface.

10. (For pump and packer assembly only). Lower the assembly into the well so that the packer is positioned just above the screen or open section. Inflate the packer. Purge a volume equal to at least twice the screened interval (or unscreened open section volume below the packer) before sampling. Packers shall always be tested in a casing section above ground to determine proper inflation pressures for good sealing.

11. In the event that recovery time of the well is very slow (e.g., 24 hours or greater), sample collection can be delayed until the following day. If the well has been purged early in the morning, sufficient water may be standing in the well by the day's end to permit sample collection. If the well is incapable of producing a sufficient volume of sample at any time, take the largest quantity available and record this occurrence in the site logbook.

12. Fill sample containers (preserve and label as described in SOP SA-6.1).

13. Replace the well cap and lock as appropriate. Make sure the well is readily identifiable as the source of the samples.

14. Process sample containers as described in SOP SA-6.1.

15. Decontaminate equipment as described in SOP SA-7.1.

5.7 Low Flow Purging and Sampling

5.7.1 Scope & Application

Low flow purging and sampling techniques are sometimes required for groundwater sampling activities. The purpose of low flow purging and sampling is to collect groundwater samples that contain "representative" amounts of mobile organic and inorganic constituents in the vicinity of the selected open well interval, at or near natural flow conditions. The minimum stress procedure emphasizes negligible water level drawdown and low pumping rates in order to collect samples with minimal alterations in water chemistry. This procedure is designed primarily to be used in wells with a casing diameter of 1 inch or more and a saturated screen, or open interval, length of ten feet or less. Samples obtained are suitable for analyses of common types of groundwater contaminants (volatile and semi-volatile organic compounds, pesticides, PCBs, metals and other inorganic ions [cyanide, chloride, sulfate, etc.]). This procedure is not designed to collect non-aqueous phase liquids samples from wells containing light or dense non-aqueous phase liquids (LNAPLs or DNAPLs), using the low flow pumps.

The procedure is flexible for various well construction types and groundwater yields. The goal of the procedure is to obtain a turbidity level of less than 10 NTU and to achieve a water level drawdown of less than 0.3 feet during purging and sampling. If these goals cannot be achieved, sample collection can take place provided the remaining criteria in this procedure are met.

5.7.2 Equipment

The following equipment is required (as applicable) for low flow purging and sampling:

- Adjustable rate, submersible pump (e.g., centrifugal or bladder pump constructed of stainless steel or Teflon).

- Disposable clear plastic bottom filling bailers may be used to check for and obtain samples of LNAPLs or DNAPLs.

- Tubing - Teflon, Teflon-lined polyethylene, polyethylene, PVC, Tygon, or stainless steel tubing can be used to collect samples for analysis, depending on the analyses to be performed and regulatory requirements.
- Water level measuring device, 0.01 foot accuracy, (electronic devices are preferred for tracking water level drawdown during all pumping operations).
- Interface probe, if needed.
- Flow measurement supplies.
- Power source (generator, nitrogen tank, etc.). If a gasoline generator is used, it must be located downwind and at a safe distance from the well so that the exhaust fumes do not contaminate the samples.
- Indicator parameter monitoring instruments - pH, turbidity, specific conductance, and temperature. Use of a flow-through cell is recommended. Optional Indicators - ORP, salinity, and dissolved oxygen, flow-through cell is required. Standards to perform field calibration of instruments.
- Decontamination supplies.
- Logbook(s), and other forms (see Attachments B and C).
- Sample Bottles.
- Sample preservation supplies (as required by the analytical methods).
- Sample tags and/or labels.
- Well construction data, location map, field data from last sampling event (if available).
- Field Sampling Plan.
- PID or FID instrument for measuring VOCs (volatile organic compounds).

5.7.3 Purging and Sampling Procedure

Open monitoring well, measure head space gases using PID/FID. If there is an indication of off gassing when opening the well, wait 3-5 minutes to permit water level an opportunity to reach equilibrium.

Measure and record the water level immediately prior to placing the pump in the well.

Lower pump or tubing slowly into the well so that the pump intake is located at the center of the saturated screen length of the well. If possible keep the pump intake at least two feet above the bottom of the well, to minimize mobilization of sediment that may be present in the bottom of the well. Collection of turbidity-free water samples may be difficult if there is three feet or less of standing water in the well.

Start with the initial pump rate set at approximately 0.1 liters/minute. Use a graduated cylinder and stopwatch to measure the pumping rate. Adjust pumping rates as necessary to prevent drawdown from exceeding 0.3 feet during purging. If no drawdown is noted, the pump rate may be increased (to a max of 0.4 liters/minute) to expedite the purging and sampling event. The pump rate will be reduced if turbidity is greater than 10 NTUs after all other field parameters have stabilized. If groundwater is drawn down below the top of the well screen, purging will cease or the well will be pumped to dryness and the well will be allowed to recover before purging continues. Slow recovering wells will be identified and purged at the beginning of the workday. If possible, samples will be colleted from these wells within the same workday and no later than 24 hours after the start of purging.

Measure the well water level using the water level meter every 5 to 10 minutes. Record the well water level on the Low-Flow Purge Data Form (Attachment C).

Record on the Low-Flow Purge Data Form every 5 to 10 minutes the water quality parameters (pH, specific conductance, temperature, turbidity, oxidation-reduction potential, dissolved oxygen and salinity or as specified by the approved site specific work plan) measured by the water quality meter and turbidity meter. If the cell needs to be cleaned during purging operations, continue pumping (allow the pump to discharge into a container) and disconnect the cell. Rinse the cell with distilled/deionized water. After cleaning is completed, reconnect the flow-through cell and continue purging. Document the cell cleaning on the Low-Flow Purge Data Form.

Measure the flow rate using a graduated cylinder. Remeasure the flow rate any time the pump rate is adjusted.

During purging, check for the presence of bubbles in the flow-through cell. The presence of bubbles is an indication that connections are not tight. If bubbles are observed, check for loose connections.

After stabilization is achieved, sampling can begin when a minimum of two saturated screen volumes have been removed and three consecutive readings, taken at 5 to 10 minute intervals, are within the following limits:

- pH ±0.2 standard units
- Specific conductance ±10%
- Temperature ±10%
- Turbidity less than 10 NTUs
- Dissolved oxygen ±10%

If the above conditions have still not been met after the well has been purged for 4 hours, purging will be considered complete and sampling can begin. Record the final well stabilization parameters from the Low-Flow Purge Data Form onto the Groundwater Sample Log Form.

VOC samples are preferably collected first, directly into pre-preserved sample containers. Fill all sample containers by allowing the pump discharge to flow gently down the inside of the container with minimal turbulence.

If the water column in the pump tubing collapses (water does not completely fill the tubing) before exiting the tubing, use one of the following procedures to collect VOC samples: (1) Collect the non-VOCs samples first, then increase the flow rate incrementally until the water column completely fills the tubing, collect the sample and record the new flow rate; (2) reduce the diameter of the existing tubing until the water column fills the tubing either by adding a connector (Teflon or stainless steel), or clamp which should reduce the flow rate by constricting the end of the tubing; (3) insert a narrow diameter Teflon tube into the pump's tubing so that the end of the tubing is in the water column and the other end of the tubing protrudes beyond the pump's tubing, collect sample from the narrow diameter tubing.

Prepare samples for shipping as per SOP SA-6.1.

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ATTACHMENT A

PURGING EQUIPMENT SELECTION

Diameter Casing		Bailer	Peristaltic Pump	Vacuum Pump	Air-lift	Diaphragm "Trash" Pump	Submersible Diaphragm Pump	Submersible Electric Pump	Submersible Electric Pump w/Packer
1.25-Inch	Water level <25 feet	X	X	X	X	X			
	Water Level >25 feet	X			X				
2-Inch	Water level <25 feet	X	X	X	X	X	X		
	Water Level >25 feet	X			X		X		
4-Inch	Water level <25 feet	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Water Level >25 feet	X			X		X	X	X
6-Inch	Water level <25 feet				X	X		X	X
	Water Level >25 feet				X			X	X
8-Inch	Water level <25 feet				X	X		X	X
	Water Level >25 feet				X			X	X

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Manufacturer	Model Name/Number	Principle of Operation	Maximum Outside Diameter/Length (Inches)	Construction Materials (w/Lines and Tubing)	Lift Range (ft)	Delivery Rates or Volumes	1982 Price (Dollars)	Comments
BarCad Systems, Inc.	BarCad Sampler	Dedicated; gas drive (positive displacement)	1.5/16	PE, brass, nylon, aluminum oxide	0-150 with std. tubing	1 liter for each 10-15 feet of submergence	$220-350	Requires compressed gas; custom sizes and materials available; acts as piezometer.
Cole-Parmer Inst. Co.	Master Flex 7570 Portable Sampling Pump	Portable; peristaltic (suction)	<1.0/NA	(not submersible) Tygon®, silicone Viton®	0-30	670 mL/min with 7015-20 pump head	$500-600	AC/DC; variable speed control available; other models may have different flow rates.
ECO Pump Corp.	SAMPLifier	Portable; venturi	<1.5 or <2.0/NA	PP, PE, PVC, SS, Teflon®, Tefzel®	0-100	0-500 mL/min depending on lift	$400-700	AC, DC, or gasoline-driven motors available; must be primed.
Geltek Corp.	Bailer 219-4	Portable; grab (positive displacement)	1.66/38	Teflon®	No limit	1,075 mL	$120-135	Other sizes available.
GeoEngineering, Inc.	GEO-MONITOR	Dedicated; gas drive (positive displacement)	1.5/16	PE, PP, PVC, Viton®	Probably 0-150	Approximately 1 liter for each 10 feet of submergence	$185	Acts as piezometer; requires compressed gas.
Industrial and Environmental Analysts, Inc. (IEA)	Aquarius	Portable; bladder (positive displacement)	1.75/43	SS, Teflon®, Viton®	0-250	0-2,800 mL/min	$1,500-3,000	Requires compressed gas; other models available; AC, DC, manual operation possible.
IEA	Syringe Sampler	Portable; grab (positive displacement)	1.75/43	SS, Teflon®	No limit	850 mL sample volume	$1,100	Requires vacuum and/or pressure from hand pump.
Instrument Specialties Co. (ISCO)	Model 2600 Well Sampler	Portable; bladder (positive displacement)	1.75/50	PC, silicone, Teflon®, PP, PE, Detrin®, acetal	0-150	0-7,500 mL/min	$990	Requires compressed gas (40 psi minimum).
Keck Geophysical Instruments, Inc.	SP-81 Submersible Sampling Pump	Portable; helical rotor (positive displacement)	1.75/25	SS, Teflon®, PP, EPDM, Viton®	0-160	0-4,500 mL/min	$3,500	DC operated.
Leonard Mold and Die Works, Inc.	GeoFilter Small Diameter Well Pump (#0500)	Portable; bladder (positive displacement)	1.75/38	SS, Teflon®, PC, Neoprene®	0-400	0-3,500 mL/min	$1,400-1,500	Requires compressed gas (55 psi minimum); pneumatic or AC/DC control module.
Oil Recovery Systems, Inc.	Surface Sampler	Portable; grab (positive displacement)	1.75/12	acrylic, Detrin®	No limit	Approximately 250 mL	$125-160	Other materials and models available; for measuring thickness of "floating" contaminants.
Q.E.D. Environmental Systems, Inc.	Well Wizard® Monitoring System (P-100)	Dedicated; bladder (positive displacement)	1.66/36	PVC	0-230	0-2,000 mL/min	$300-400	Requires compressed gas; piezometric level indicator; other materials available.

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Manufacturer	Model Name/Number	Principle of Operation	Maximum Outside Diameter/Length (Inches)	Construction Materials (w/Lines and Tubing)	Lift Range (ft)	Delivery Rates or Volumes	1982 Price (Dollars)	Comments
Randolph Austin Co.	Model 500 Vari-Flow Pump	Portable; peristaltic (suction)	<0.5/NA	(Not submersible) Rubber, Tygon®, or Neoprene®	0-30	See comments	$1,200-1,300	Flow rate dependent on motor and tubing selected; AC operated; other models available.
Robert Bennett Co.	Model 180	Portable; piston (positive displacement)	1.8/22	SS, Teflon®, Delrin® PP, Viton®, acrylic, PE	0-500	0-1,800 mL/min	$2,600-2,700	Requires compressed gas; water level indicator and flow meter; custom models available.
Slope Indicator Co. (SINCO)	Model 514124 Pneumatic Water Sampler	Portable; gas drive (positive displacement)	1.9/18	PVC, nylon	0-1,100	250 mL/flushing cycle	$250-350	Requires compressed gas; SS available; piezometer model available; dedicated model available.
Solinst Canada Ltd.	5W Water Sampler	Portable; grab (positive displacement)	1.9/27	PVC, brass, nylon, Neoprene®	0-330	500 mL	$1,300-1,800	Requires compressed gas; custom models available.
TIMCO Mfg. Co., Inc.	Std. Bailer	Portable; grab (positive displacement)	1.66/Custom	PVC, PP	No limit	250 mL/ft of bailer	$20-60	Other sizes, materials, models available; optional bottom-emptying device available; no solvents used.
TIMCO	Air or Gas Lift Sampler	Portable; gas drive (positive displacement)	1.66/30	PVC, Tygon®, Teflon®	0-150	350 mL/flushing cycle	$100-200	Requires compressed gas; other sizes, materials, models available; no solvents used.
Tole Devices Co.	Sampling Pump	Portable; bladder (positive displacement)	1.38/48	SS, silicone, Delrin®, Tygon®	0-125	0-4,000 mL/min	$800-1,000	Compressed gas required; DC control module; custom built.

Construction Material Abbreviations:

PE	Polyethylene
PP	Polypropylene
PVC	Polyvinyl chloride
SS	Stainless steel
PC	Polycarbonate
EPDM	Ethylene-propylene diene (synthetic rubber)

Other Abbreviations:

NA	Not applicable
AC	Alternating current
DC	Direct current

NOTE: Other manufacturers market pumping devices which could be used for groundwater sampling, though not expressly designed for this purpose. The list is not meant to be all-inclusive and listing does not constitute endorsement for use. Information in the table is from sales literature and/or personal communication. No skimmer, scavenger-type, or high-capacity pumps are included.

Source: Barcelona et al., 1983.

ATTACHMENT B
GROUNDWATER SAMPLE LOG SHEET

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Project Site Name: ____________ Sample ID No.: ____________
Project No.: ____________ Sample Location: ____________
Sampled By: ____________
C.O.C. No.: ____________

[ ] Domestic Well Data
[x] Monitoring Well Data
[ ] Other Well Type: ____________
[ ] QA Sample Type: ____________

Type of Sample:
[X] Low Concentration
[ ] High Concentration

SAMPLING DATA:

Date:	Color Visual	pH Standard	S.C. mS/cm	Temp. Degrees C	Turbidity NTU	DO mg/l	ORP mV	Other NA
Time:								
Method:								

PURGE DATA:

Date:	Volume	pH	S.C.	Temp. (C)	Turbidity	DO	ORP	Other
Method:								
Monitor Reading (ppm):			SEE LOW FLOW PURGE DATA SHEET					
Well Casing Diameter & Material								
Type:								
Total Well Depth (TD):								
Static Water Level (WL):								
One Casing Volume(gal/L):								
Start Purge (hrs):								
End Purge (hrs):								
Total Purge Time (min):								
Total Vol. Purged (gal/L):								

SAMPLE COLLECTION INFORMATION:

Analysis	Preservative	Container Requirements	Collected

OBSERVATIONS / NOTES:

Circle if Applicable:

MS/MSD	Duplicate ID No.:	Signature(s):

ATTACHMENT C
LOW FLOW PURGE DATA SHEET

LOW FLOW PURGE DATA SHEET

PROJECT SITE NAME: ______________________ **WELL ID.:** ______________________
PROJECT NUMBER: ______________________ **DATE:** ______________________

Time (Hrs.)	Water Level (Ft. below TOC)	Flow (mL/Min.)	pH (S.U.)	S. Cond. (mS/cm)	Turb. (NTU)	DO (mg/L)	Temp. (Celcius)	ORP mV	Salinity % or ppt	Comments

SIGNATURE(S): ______________________ **PAGE___OF___**

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1.0 PURPOSE

The purpose of this document is to establish standard procedures and technical guidance on borehole and sample logging.

2.0 SCOPE

These procedures provide descriptions of the standard techniques for borehole and sample logging. These techniques shall be used for each boring logged to provide consistent descriptions of subsurface lithology. While experience is the only method to develop confidence and accuracy in the description of soil and rock, the field geologist/engineer can do a good job of classification by careful, thoughtful observation and by being consistent throughout the classification procedure.

3.0 GLOSSARY

None.

4.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

Site Geologist. Responsible for supervising all boring activities and assuring that each borehole is completely logged. If more than one rig is being used on site, the Site Geologist must make sure that each field geologist is properly trained in logging procedures. A brief review or training session may be necessary prior to the start up of the field program and/or upon completion of the first boring.

5.0 PROCEDURES

The classification of soil and rocks is one of the most important jobs of the field geologist/engineer. To maintain a consistent flow of information, it is imperative that the field geologist/engineer understand and accurately use the field classification system described in this SOP. This identification is based on visual examination and manual tests.

5.1 Materials Needed

When logging soil and rock samples, the geologist or engineer may be equipped with the following:

- Rock hammer
- Knife
- Camera
- Dilute hydrochloric acid (HCl)
- Ruler (marked in tenths and hundredths of feet)
- Hand Lens

5.2 Classification of Soils

All data shall be written directly on the boring log (Figure 1) or in a field notebook if more space is needed. Details on filling out the boring log are discussed in Section 5.5.

FIGURE 1
BORING LOG (EXAMPLE)

BORING LOG

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PROJECT NAME: ____________________ BORING NUMBER: ____________________
PROJECT NUMBER: ____________________ DATE: ____________________
DRILLING COMPANY: ____________________ GEOLOGIST: ____________________
DRILLING RIG: ____________________ DRILLER: ____________________

					MATERIAL DESCRIPTION					PID/FID Reading (ppm)			
Sample No. and Type or RQD	Depth (Ft.) or Run No.	Blows / 6" or RQD (%)	Sample Recovery / Sample Length	Lithology Change (Depth/Ft.) or Screened Interval	Soil Density/ Consistency or Rock Hardness	Color	Material Classification	USCS*	Remarks	Sample	Sampler BZ	Borehole**	Driller BZ**

* When rock coring, enter rock brokeness.

** Include monitor reading in 6 foot intervals @ borehole. Increase reading frequency if elevated response read.

Remarks: ____

Drilling Area Background (ppm): ______

Converted to Well: Yes ______ No ______ Well I.D. #: ____________________

FIGURE 1 (CONTINUED)

SOIL TERMS

UNIFIED SOIL CLASSIFICATION (USCS)

COARSE-GRAINED SOILS
More Than Half of Material is LARGER Than No. 200 Sieve Size

FIELD IDENTIFICATION PROCEDURES (Excluding Particles Larger Than 3 Inches and Basing Fractions on Estimated Weights)			GROUP SYMBOL	TYPICAL NAMES
GRAVELS (50%(+)>1/4"Ø	CLEAN GRAVELS (Low % Fines)	Wide range in grain size and substantial amounts of all intermediate particle sizes.	GW	Well graded gravels, gravel-sand mixtures, little or no fines.
		Predominantly one size or a range of sizes with some intermediate sizes missing.	GP	Poorly graded gravels, gravel-sand mixtures, little or no fines.
	GRAVELS W/FINES (High % Fines)	Non-plastic fines (for identification procedures, see ML)	GM	Silty gravels, poorly graded gravel-sand-silt mixtures
		Plastic fines (for identification procedures, see CL)	GC	Clayey gravels, poorly graded gravel-sand-clay mixtures.
SANDS 50%(+)<1/4"Ø	CLEAN SANDS (Low % Fines)	Wide range in grain size and substantial amounts of all intermediate particle sizes.	SW	Well graded sand, gravelly sands, little or no fines.
		Predominantly one size or a range of sizes with some intermediate sizes missing.	SP	Poorly graded sands, gravelly sands, little or no fines.
	SANDS W/FINES (High % Fines)	Non-plastic fines (for identification procedures, see MCL)	SM	Silty sands, poorly graded sand-silt mixtures.
		Plastic fines (for identification procedures, see CL)	SC	Clayey sands, poorly graded sand-clay mixtures.

FINE-GRAINED SOILS
More Than Half of Material is SMALLER Than

FIELD IDENTIFICATION PROCEDURES
(Excluding Particles Larger Than 3 Inches and Basing Fractions on Estimated Weights)

Identification Procedures on Fraction Smaller than No. 40 Sieve Size

	DAY STRENGTH (Crushing Characteristics)	DILATANCY (Reaction to Shaking)	TOUGHNESS (Consistency Near Plastic Limit)
SILTS AND CLAYS Liquid Limit <50	None to Slight	Quick to Slow	None
	Medium to High	None to Very Slow	Medium
	Slight to Medium	Slow	Slight
SILTS AND CLAYS Liquid Limit >50	Slight to Medium	Slow to None	Slight to Medium
	High to Very High	None	High
	Medium to High	None to Very Slow	Slight to Medium
HIGHLY ORGANIC SOILS	Readily identified by color, odor, spongy feel and frequently by fibrous texture.		

Boundary classifications: Soils possessing characteristics of two groups are designated by combining group symbols. For example, GW-GC, well graded gravel-sand mixture with clay binder.
All sieve sizes on this chart are U.S. Standard.

DENSITY OF GRANULAR SOILS

DESIGNATION	STANDARD PENETRATION RESISTANCE-BLOWS/FOOT
Very Loose	0-4
Loose	5-10
Medium Loose	11-30
Dense	31-50
Very Dense	Over 50

CONSISTENCY OF COHESIVE SOILS

CONSISTENCY	UNC COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH (TONS/SQ. FT.)	STANDARD PENETRATION RESISTANCE-BLOWS/FOOT	
Very Soft	Less than 0.25	0 to 2	Easily penetra
Soft	0.25 to 0.50	2 to 4	Easily penetra
Medium Stiff	0.50 to 1.0	4 to 8	Can be penetr
Stiff	1.0 to 2.0	8 to 15	Readily indent
Very Stiff	2.0 to 4.0	15 to 30	Readily indent
Hard	More than 4.0	Over 30	Indented with

ROCK TERMS

ROCK HARDNESS (FROM CORE SAMPLES)

Descriptive Terms	Screwdriver or Knife Effects	Hammer Effects
Soft	Easily Gouged	Crushes when pressed with hammer
Medium Soft	Can be Gouged	Breaks (one blow); crumbly edges
Medium Hard	Can be scratched	Breaks (one blow); sharp edges
Hard	Cannot be scratched	Breaks conchoidally (several blows); sharp edges

ROCK BROKENNESS

Descriptive Terms	Abbreviation	Spacing
Very Broken	(V. Br.)	0-2"
Broken	(Br.)	2"-1'
Blocky	(Bl.)	1'-3'
Massive	(M.)	3'-10'

LEGEND:

SOIL SAMPLES - TYPES

5-2" Split-Barrel Sample

ST-3" O.D. Undisturbed Sample

O - Other Samples, Specify in Remarks

ROCK SAMPLES - TYPES

X-NX (Conventional) Core (~2-1/8" O.D.)

Q-NQ (Wireline) Core (~1-7/8" O.D.)

Z - Other Core Sizes, Specify in Remarks

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12/18

WATER LEVELS

▽ 12.6'
Initial Level
w/Date & Depth

▽ 12.6'
Stabilized Level
w/Date & Depth

5.2.1 USCS Classification

Soils are to be classified according to the Unified Soil Classification System (USCS). This method of classification is detailed in Figure 1 (Continued).
This method of classification identifies soil types on the basis of grain size and cohesiveness.

Fine-grained soils, or fines, are smaller than the No. 200 sieve and are of two types: silt (M) and clay (C). Some classification systems define size ranges for these soil particles, but for field classification purposes, they are identified by their respective behaviors. Organic material (O) is a common component of soil but has no size range; it is recognized by its composition. The careful study of the USCS will aid in developing the competence and consistency necessary for the classification of soils.

Coarse-grained soils shall be divided into rock fragments, sand, or gravel. The terms sand and gravel not only refer to the size of the soil particles but also to their depositional history. To insure accuracy in description, the term rock fragments shall be used to indicate angular granular materials resulting from the breakup of rock. The sharp edges typically observed indicate little or no transport from their source area, and therefore the term provides additional information in reconstructing the depositional environment of the soils encountered. When the term "rock fragments" is used it shall be followed by a size designation such as "(1/4 inchΦ-1/2 inchΦ)" or "coarse-sand size" either immediately after the entry or in the remarks column. The USCS classification would not be affected by this variation in terms.

5.2.2 Color

Soil colors shall be described utilizing a single color descriptor preceded, when necessary, by a modifier to denote variations in shade or color mixtures. A soil could therefore be referred to as "gray" or "light gray" or "blue-gray." Since color can be utilized in correlating units between sampling locations, it is important for color descriptions to be consistent from one boring to another.

Colors must be described while the sample is still moist. Soil samples shall be broken or split vertically to describe colors. Samplers tend to smear the sample surface creating color variations between the sample interior and exterior.

The term "mottled" shall be used to indicate soils irregularly marked with spots of different colors. Mottling in soils usually indicates poor aeration and lack of good drainage.

Soil Color Charts shall not be used unless specified by the project manager.

5.2.3 Relative Density and Consistency

To classify the relative density and/or consistency of a soil, the geologist is to first identify the soil type. Granular soils contain predominantly sands and gravels. They are noncohesive (particles do not adhere well when compressed). Finer-grained soils (silts and clays) are cohesive (particles will adhere together when compressed).

The density of noncohesive, granular soils is classified according to standard penetration resistances obtained from split-barrel sampling performed according to the methods detailed in Standard Operating Procedures GH-1.3 and SA-1.3. Those designations are:

Designation	Standard Penetration Resistance (Blows per Foot)
Very loose	0 to 4
Loose	5 to 10
Medium dense	11 to 30
Dense	31 to 50
Very dense	Over 50

Standard penetration resistance is the number of blows required to drive a split-barrel sampler with a 2-inch outside diameter 12 inches into the material using a 140-pound hammer falling freely through 30 inches. The sampler is driven through an 18-inch sample interval, and the number of blows is recorded for each 6-inch increment. The density designation of granular soils is obtained by adding the number of blows required to penetrate the last 12 inches of each sample interval. It is important to note that if gravel or rock fragments are broken by the sampler or if rock fragments are lodged in the tip, the resulting blow count will be erroneously high, reflecting a higher density than actually exists. This shall be noted on the log and referenced to the sample number. Granular soils are given the USCS classifications GW, GP, GM, SW, SP, SM, GC, or SC (see Figure 1).

The consistency of cohesive soils is determined by performing field tests and identifying the consistency as shown in Figure 2.

Cohesive soils are given the USCS classifications ML, MH, CL, CH, OL, or OH (see Figure 1).

The consistency of cohesive soils is determined either by blow counts, a pocket penetrometer (values listed in the table as Unconfined Compressive Strength), or by hand by determining the resistance to penetration by the thumb. The pocket penetrometer and thumb determination methods are conducted on a selected sample of the soil, preferably the lowest 0.5 foot of the sample in the split-barrel sampler. The sample shall be broken in half and the thumb or penetrometer pushed into the end of the sample to determine the consistency. Do not determine consistency by attempting to penetrate a rock fragment. If the sample is decomposed rock, it is classified as a soft decomposed rock rather than a hard soil. Consistency shall not be determined solely by blow counts. One of the other methods shall be used in conjunction with it. The designations used to describe the consistency of cohesive soils are shown in Figure 2.

5.2.4 Weight Percentages

In nature, soils are comprised of particles of varying size and shape, and are combinations of the various grain types. The following terms are useful in the description of soil:

Terms of Identifying Proportion of the Component	Defining Range of Percentages by Weight
Trace	0 - 10 percent
Some	11 - 30 percent
Adjective form of the soil type (e.g., "sandy")	31 - 50 percent

FIGURE 2

CONSISTENCY FOR COHESIVE SOILS

Consistency	Standard Penetration Resistance (Blows per Foot)	Unconfined Compressive Strength (Tons/Sq. Foot by pocket penetration)	Field Identification
Very soft	0 to 2	Less than 0.25	Easily penetrated several inches by fist
Soft	2 to 4	0.25 to 0.50	Easily penetrated several inches by thumb
Medium stiff	4 to 8	0.50 to 1.0	Can be penetrated several inches by thumb with moderate effort
Stiff	8 to 15	1.0 to 2.0	Readily indented by thumb but penetrated only with great effort
Very stiff	15 to 30	2.0 to 4.0	Readily indented by thumbnail
Hard	Over 30	More than 4.0	Indented with difficulty by thumbnail

Examples:

- Silty fine sand: 50 to 69 percent fine sand, 31 to 50 percent silt.
- Medium to coarse sand, some silt: 70 to 80 percent medium to coarse sand, 11 to 30 percent silt.
- Fine sandy silt, trace clay: 50 to 68 percent silt, 31 to 49 percent fine sand, 1 to 10 percent clay.
- Clayey silt, some coarse sand: 70 to 89 percent clayey silt, 11 to 30 percent coarse sand.

5.2.5 Moisture

Moisture content is estimated in the field according to four categories: dry, moist, wet, and saturated. In dry soil, there appears to be little or no water. Saturated samples obviously have all the water they can hold. Moist and wet classifications are somewhat subjective and often are determined by the individual's judgment. A suggested parameter for this would be calling a soil wet if rolling it in the hand or on a porous surface liberates water, i.e., dirties or muddies the surface. Whatever method is adopted for describing moisture, it is important that the method used by an individual remains consistent throughout an entire drilling job.

Laboratory tests for water content shall be performed if the natural water content is important.

5.2.6 Stratification

Stratification can only be determined after the sample barrel is opened. The stratification or bedding thickness for soil and rock is depending on grain size and composition. The classification to be used for stratification description is shown in Figure 3.

5.2.7 Texture/Fabric/Bedding

The texture/fabric/bedding of the soil shall be described. Texture is described as the relative angularity of the particles: rounded, subrounded, subangular, and angular. Fabric shall be noted as to whether the particles are flat or bulky and whether there is a particular relation between particles (i.e., all the flat particles are parallel or there is some cementation). The bedding or structure shall also be noted (e.g., stratified, lensed, nonstratified, heterogeneous varved).

5.2.8 Summary of Soil Classification

In summary, soils shall be classified in a similar manner by each geologist/engineer at a project site. The hierarchy of classification is as follows:

- Density and/or consistency
- Color
- Plasticity (Optional)
- Soil types
- Moisture content
- Stratification
- Texture, fabric, bedding
- Other distinguishing features

FIGURE 3

BEDDING THICKNESS CLASSIFICATION

Thickness (metric)	Thickness (Approximate English Equivalent)	Classification
> 1.0 meter	> 3.3'	Massive
30 cm - 1 meter	1.0' - 3.3'	Thick Bedded
10 cm - 30 cm	4" - 1.0'	Medium Bedded
3 cm - 10 cm	1" - 4"	Thin Bedded
1 cm - 3 cm	2/5" - 1"	Very Thin Bedded
3 mm - 1 cm	1/8" - 2/5"	Laminated
1 mm - 3 mm	1/32" - 1/8"	Thinly Laminated
< 1 mm	<1/32"	Micro Laminated

(Weir, 1973 and Ingram, 1954)

5.3 Classification of Rocks

Rocks are grouped into three main divisions: sedimentary, igneous and metamorphic. Sedimentary rocks are by far the predominant type exposed at the earth's surface. The following basic names are applied to the types of rocks found in sedimentary sequences:

- Sandstone - Made up predominantly of granular materials ranging between 1/16 to 2 mm in diameter.
- Siltstone - Made up of granular materials less than 1/16 to 1/256 mm in diameter. Fractures irregularly. Medium thick to thick bedded.
- Claystone - Very fine-grained rock made up of clay and silt-size materials. Fractures irregularly. Very smooth to touch. Generally has irregularly spaced pitting on surface of drilled cores.
- Shale - A fissile very fine-grained rock. Fractures along bedding planes.
- Limestone - Rock made up predominantly of calcite ($CaCO_3$). Effervesces strongly upon the application of dilute hydrochloric acid.
- Coal - Rock consisting mainly of organic remains.
- Others - Numerous other sedimentary rock types are present in lesser amounts in the stratigraphic record. The local abundance of any of these rock types is dependent upon the depositional history of the area. Conglomerate, halite, gypsum, dolomite, anhydrite, lignite, etc. are some of the rock types found in lesser amounts.

In classifying a sedimentary rock the following hierarchy shall be noted:

- Rock type
- Color
- Bedding thickness
- Hardness
- Fracturing
- Weathering
- Other characteristics

5.3.1 Rock Type

As described above, there are numerous types of sedimentary rocks. In most cases, a rock will be a combination of several grain types, therefore, a modifier such as a sandy siltstone, or a silty sandstone can be used. The modifier indicates that a significant portion of the rock type is composed of the modifier. Other modifiers can include carbonaceous, calcareous, siliceous, etc.

Grain size is the basis for the classification of clastic sedimentary rocks. Figure 4 is the Udden-Wentworth classification that will be assigned to sedimentary rocks. The individual boundaries are slightly different than the USCS subdivision for soil classification. For field determination of grain sizes, a scale can be used for the coarse grained rocks. For example, the division between siltstone and claystone may not be measurable in the field. The boundary shall be determined by use of a hand lens. If the grains cannot be seen with the naked eye but are distinguishable with a hand lens, the rock is a siltstone. If the grains are not distinguishable with a hand lens, the rock is a claystone.

FIGURE 4

GRAIN SIZE CLASSIFICATION FOR ROCKS

Particle Name	Grain Size Diameter
Cobbles	> 64 mm
Pebbles	4 - 64 mm
Granules	2 - 4 mm
Very Coarse Sand	1 - 2 mm
Coarse Sand	0.5 - 1 mm
Medium Sand	0.25 - 0.5 mm
Fine Sand	0.125 - 0.25 mm
Very Fine Sand	0.0625 - 0.125 mm
Silt	0.0039 - 0.0625 mm

After Wentworth, 1922

5.3.2 Color

The color of a rock can be determined in a similar manner as for soil samples. Rock core samples shall be classified while wet, when possible, and air cored samples shall be scraped clean of cuttings prior to color classifications.

Rock color charts shall not be used unless specified by the Project Manager.

5.3.3 Bedding Thickness

The bedding thickness designations applied to soil classification (see Figure 3) will also be used for rock classification.

5.3.4 Hardness

The hardness of a rock is a function of the compaction, cementation, and mineralogical composition of the rock. A relative scale for sedimentary rock hardness is as follows:

- Soft - Weathered, considerable erosion of core, easily gouged by screwdriver, scratched by fingernail. Soft rock crushes or deforms under pressure of a pressed hammer. This term is always used for the hardness of the saprolite (decomposed rock which occupies the zone between the lowest soil horizon and firm bedrock).

- Medium soft - Slight erosion of core, slightly gouged by screwdriver, or breaks with crumbly edges from single hammer blow.

- Medium hard - No core erosion, easily scratched by screwdriver, or breaks with sharp edges from single hammer blow.

- Hard - Requires several hammer blows to break and has sharp conchoidal breaks. Cannot be scratched with screwdriver.

Note the difference in usage here of the works "scratch" and "gouge." A scratch shall be considered a slight depression in the rock (do not mistake the scraping off of rock flour from drilling with a scratch in the rock itself), while a gouge is much deeper.

5.3.5 Fracturing

The degree of fracturing or brokenness of a rock is described by measuring the fractures or joint spacing. After eliminating drilling breaks, the average spacing is calculated and the fracturing is described by the following terms:

- Very broken (V. BR.) - Less than 2-inch spacing between fractures
- Broken (BR.) - 2-inch to 1-foot spacing between fractures
- Blocky (BL.) - 1- to 3-foot spacing between fractures
- Massive (M.) - 3 to 10-foot spacing between fractures

The structural integrity of the rock can be approximated by calculating the Rock Quality Designation (RQD) of cores recovered. The RQD is determined by adding the total lengths of all pieces exceeding 4 inches and dividing by the total length of the coring run, to obtain a percentage.

Method of Calculating RQD
(After Deere, 1964)

$$RQD\ \% = r/l \times 100$$

r = Total length of all pieces of the lithologic unit being measured, which are greater than 4 inches length, and have resulted from natural breaks. Natural breaks include slickensides, joints, compaction slicks, bedding plane partings (not caused by drilling), friable zones, etc.

l = Total length of the coring run.

5.3.6 Weathering

The degree of weathering is a significant parameter that is important in determining weathering profiles and is also useful in engineering designs. The following terms can be applied to distinguish the degree of weathering:

- Fresh - Rock shows little or no weathering effect. Fractures or joints have little or no staining and rock has a bright appearance.
- Slight - Rock has some staining which may penetrate several centimeters into the rock. Clay filling of joints may occur. Feldspar grains may show some alteration.
- Moderate - Most of the rock, with exception of quartz grains, is stained. Rock is weakened due to weathering and can be easily broken with hammer.
- Severe - All rock including quartz grains is stained. Some of the rock is weathered to the extent of becoming a soil. Rock is very weak.

5.3.7 Other Characteristics

The following items shall be included in the rock description:

- Description of contact between two rock units. These can be sharp or gradational.
- Stratification (parallel, cross stratified).
- Description of any filled cavities or vugs.
- Cementation (calcareous, siliceous, hematitic).
- Description of any joints or open fractures.
- Observation of the presence of fossils.
- Notation of joints with depth, approximate angle to horizontal, any mineral filling or coating, and degree of weathering.

All information shown on the boring logs shall be neat to the point where it can be reproduced on a copy machine for report presentation. The data shall be kept current to provide control of the drilling program and to indicate various areas requiring special consideration and sampling.

5.3.8 Additional Terms Used in the Description of Rock

The following terms are used to further identify rocks:

- Seam - Thin (12 inches or less), probably continuous layer.
- Some - Indicates significant (15 to 40 percent) amounts of the accessory material. For example, rock composed of seams of sandstone (70 percent) and shale (30 percent) would be "sandstone -- some shale seams."
- Few - Indicates insignificant (0 to 15 percent) amounts of the accessory material. For example, rock composed of seam of sandstone (90 percent) and shale (10 percent) would be "sandstone -- few shale seams."
- Interbedded - Used to indicate thin or very thin alternating seams of material occurring in approximately equal amounts. For example, rock composed of thin alternating seams of sandstone (50 percent) and shale (50 percent) would be "interbedded sandstone and shale."
- Interlayered - Used to indicate thick alternating seams of material occurring in approximately equal amounts.

The preceding sections describe the classification of sedimentary rocks. The following are some basic names that are applied to igneous rocks:

- Basalt - A fine-grained extrusive rock composed primarily of calcic plagioclase and pyroxene.
- Rhyolite - A fine-grained volcanic rock containing abundant quartz and orthoclase. The fine-grained equivalent of a granite.
- Granite - A coarse-grained plutonic rock consisting essentially of alkali feldspar and quartz.
- Diorite - A coarse-grained plutonic rock consisting essentially of sodic plagioclase and hornblende.
- Gabbro - A coarse-grained plutonic rock consisting of calcic plagioclase and clinopyroxene. Loosely used for any coarse-grained dark igneous rock.

The following are some basic names that are applied to metamorphic rocks:

- Slate - A very fine-grained foliated rock possessing a well developed slaty cleavage. Contains predominantly chlorite, mica, quartz, and sericite.
- Phyllite - A fine-grained foliated rock that splits into thin flaky sheets with a silky sheen on cleavage surface.
- Schist - A medium to coarse-grained foliated rock with subparallel arrangement of the micaceous minerals which dominate its composition.
- Gneiss - A coarse-grained foliated rock with bands rich in granular and platy minerals.
- Quartzite - A fine- to coarse-grained nonfoliated rock breaking across grains, consisting essentially of quartz sand with silica cement.

5.4 Abbreviations

Abbreviations may be used in the description of a rock or soil. However, they shall be kept at a minimum. Following are some of the abbreviations that may be used:

C	- Coarse	Lt	- Light	Yl	- Yellow
Med	- Medium	BR	- Broken	Or	- Orange
F	- Fine	BL	- Blocky	SS	- Sandstone
V	- Very	M	- Massive	Sh	- Shale
Sl	- Slight	Br	- Brown	LS	- Limestone
Occ	- Occasional	Bl	- Black	Fgr	- Fine-grained
Tr	- Trace				

5.5 Boring Logs and Documentation

This section describes in more detail the procedures to be used in completing boring logs in the field. Information obtained from the preceding sections shall be used to complete the logs. A sample boring log has been provided as Figure 5.

The field geologist/engineer shall use this example as a guide in completing each boring log. Each boring log shall be fully described by the geologist/engineer as the boring is being drilled. Every sheet contains space for 25 feet of log. Information regarding classification details is provided either on the back of the boring log or on a separate sheet, for field use.

5.5.1 Soil Classification

- Identify site name, boring number, job number, etc. Elevations and water level data to be entered when surveyed data is available.
- Enter sample number (from SPT) under appropriate column. Enter depth sample was taken from (1 block = 1 foot). Fractional footages, i.e., change of lithology at 13.7 feet, shall be lined off at the proportional location between the 13- and 14-foot marks. Enter blow counts (Standard Penetration Resistance) diagonally (as shown). Standard penetration resistance is covered in Section 5.2.3.
- Determine sample recovery/sample length as shown. Measure the total length of sample recovered from the split-spoon sampler, including material in the drive shoe. Do not include cuttings or wash material that may be in the upper portion of the sample tube.
- Indicate any change in lithology by drawing a line at the appropriate depth. For example, if clayey silt was encountered from 0 to 5.5 feet and shale from 5.5 to 6.0 feet, a line shall be drawn at this increment. This information is helpful in the construction of cross-sections. As an alternative, symbols may be used to identify each change in lithology.
- The density of granular soils is obtained by adding the number of blows for the last two increments. Refer to Density of Granular Soils Chart on back of log sheet. For consistency of cohesive soils refer also to the back of log sheet - Consistency of Cohesive Soils. Enter this information under the appropriate column. Refer to Section 5.2.3.

FIGURE 5
COMPLETED BORING LOG (EXAMPLE)

BORING LOG

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PROJECT NAME: NSB - SITE
PROJECT NUMBER: 9594
DRILLING COMPANY: SOILTEST CO.
DRILLING RIG: CME-55
BORING NUMBER: SB/MW 1
DATE: 3/8/96
GEOLOGIST: SJ CONTI
DRILLER: R. ROCK

Sample No. and Type or RQD	Depth (Ft.) or Run No.	Blows / 6" or RQD (%)	Sample Recovery / Sample Length	Lithology Change (Depth/Ft.) or Screened Interval	MATERIAL DESCRIPTION: Soil Density/ Consistency or Rock Hardness	Color	Material Classification	USCS*	Remarks	PID/FID Reading (ppm): Sample	Sampler BZ	Borehole**	Driller BZ**
S-1	0.0	7/6	1.5/2.0		M DENSE	BRN	SILTY SAND - SOME	SM	MOIST SL. ORG.	5	0	0	0
@ 0800	2.0	9/10				TO BLK	ROCK FR. - TR BRICKS		ODOR				
							(FILL)		FILL TO 4'±				
	4.0			4.0									
S-2 @		5/7	2.0/2.0		M DENSE	BRN	SILTY SAND - TR FINE	SM	MOIST - W ODOR	10	0	-	-
0810	6.0	9/8					GRAVEL		NAT. MATL. TOOK SAMPLE				
	•			7' ± ▽					SB01-0406 FOR ANALYSIS				
	8.0			8.0									
S-3 @		6/8	1.9/2.0		DENSE	TAN BRN	FINE TO COARSE SAND	SW	WET	0	0	0	0
0820	10.0	17/16					TR. F. GRAVEL		HIT WATER @ 7'±				
	12.0			12.0									
S-4 @		7/6	1.6/2.0		STIFF	GRAY	SILTY CLAY	CL	MOIST → WET	0	.5	-	-
0830	14.0	5/8											
	15.0			15.0					AUGER REF @ 15'				
				WEAT 16	M HARD	BRN	SILTSTONE	VBR	WEATHERED				
									LO ∠ JNTS @ 15.5				
9/5	①		4.0/5.0						WATER STAINS @ 16.5, 17.1, 17.5	0	0	0	0
				19'					LOSING SOME				
	20.0				HARD	GRAY	SANDSTONE - SOME	BR	DRILL H2O @ 17'±				
							SILTSTONE		SET TEMP 6" CAS TO 15.5				
4.9/5.0	②		5.0/5.0						SET 2" Φ PVC SCREEN 16-25	0	0	0	0
									SAND 14-25				
	25.0			25					PELLETS 12-14				

* When rock coring, enter rock brokeness.

** Include monitor reading in 6 foot intervals @ borehole. Increase reading frequency if elevated response read.

• 1-20Z
1-80Z

Drilling Area Background (ppm): 0

Remarks: CME-55 RIG, 4 1/4" ID HSA - 9" OD ±
2" SPLIT SPOONS - 140 LB HAMMER - 30" DROP
NX CORE IN BEDROCK RUN ① = 25 min, RUN ② = 15 min

Converted to Well: Yes ✓ No ____ Well I.D. #: MW-1

- Enter color of the material in the appropriate column.

- Describe material using the USCS. Limit this column for sample description only. The predominant material is described last. If the primary soil is silt but has fines (clay) - use clayey silt. Limit soil descriptors to the following:

  - Trace: 0 - 10 percent
  - Some: 11 - 30 percent
  - And/Or: 31 - 50 percent

- Also indicate under Material Classification if the material is fill or natural soils. Indicate roots, organic material, etc.

- Enter USCS symbol - use chart on back of boring log as a guide. If the soils fall into one of two basic groups, a borderline symbol may be used with the two symbols separated by a slash. For example ML/CL or SM/SP.

- The following information shall be entered under the "Remarks" column and shall include, but is not limited by, the following:

  - Moisture - estimate moisture content using the following terms - dry, moist, wet and saturated. These terms are determined by the individual. Whatever method is used to determine moisture, be consistent throughout the log.

  - Angularity - describe angularity of coarse grained particles using the terms angular, subangular, subrounded, or rounded. Refer to ASTM D 2488 or Earth Manual for criteria for these terms.

  - Particle shape - flat, elongated, or flat and elongated.

  - Maximum particle size or dimension.

  - Water level observations.

  - Reaction with HCl - none, weak, or strong.

- Additional comments:

  - Indicate presence of mica, caving of hole, when water was encountered, difficulty in drilling, loss or gain of water.

  - Indicate odor and Photoionization Detector (PID) or Flame Ionization Detector (FID) reading if applicable.

  - Indicate any change in lithology by drawing a line through the lithology change column and indicate the depth. This will help when cross-sections are subsequently constructed.

  - At the bottom of the page indicate type of rig, drilling method, hammer size and drop, and any other useful information (i.e., borehole size, casing set, changes in drilling method).

- Vertical lines shall be drawn (as shown in Figure 5) in columns 6 to 8 from the bottom of each sample to the top of the next sample to indicate consistency of material from sample to sample, if the material is consistent. Horizontal lines shall be drawn if there is a change in lithology, then vertical lines drawn to that point.

- Indicate screened interval of well, as needed, in the lithology column. Show top and bottom of screen. Other details of well construction are provided on the well construction forms.

5.5.2 Rock Classification

- Indicate depth at which coring began by drawing a line at the appropriate depth. Indicate core run depths by drawing coring run lines (as shown) under the first and fourth columns on the log sheet. Indicate RQD, core run number, RQD percent, and core recovery under the appropriate columns.

- Indicate lithology change by drawing a line at the appropriate depth as explained in Section 5.5.1.

- Rock hardness is entered under designated column using terms as described on the back of the log or as explained earlier in this section.

- Enter color as determined while the core sample is wet; if the sample is cored by air, the core shall be scraped clean prior to describing color.

- Enter rock type based on sedimentary, igneous or metamorphic. For sedimentary rocks use terms as described in Section 5.3. Again, be consistent in classification. Use modifiers and additional terms as needed. For igneous and metamorphic rock types use terms as described in Sections 5.3.8.

- Enter brokenness of rock or degree of fracturing under the appropriate column using symbols VBR, BR, BL, or M as explained in Section 5.3.5 and as noted on the back of the Boring Log.

- The following information shall be entered under the remarks column. Items shall include but are not limited to the following:

  - Indicate depths of joints, fractures and breaks and also approximate to horizontal angle (such as high, low), i.e., 70° angle from horizontal, high angle.
  - Indicate calcareous zones, description of any cavities or vugs.
  - Indicate any loss or gain of drill water.
  - Indicate drop of drill tools or change in color of drill water.

- Remarks at the bottom of Boring Log shall include:

  - Type and size of core obtained.
  - Depth casing was set.
  - Type of rig used.

- As a final check the boring log shall include the following:

  - Vertical lines shall be drawn as explained for soil classification to indicate consistency of bedrock material.

  - If applicable, indicate screened interval in the lithology column. Show top and bottom of screen. Other details of well construction are provided on the well construction forms.

5.5.3 Classification of Soil and Rock from Drill Cuttings

The previous sections describe procedures for classifying soil and rock samples when cores are obtained. However, some drilling methods (air/mud rotary) may require classification and borehole logging based on identifying drill cuttings removed from the borehole. Such cuttings provide only general information on subsurface lithology. Some procedures that shall be followed when logging cuttings are:

- Obtain cutting samples at approximately 5-foot intervals, sieve the cuttings (if mud rotary drilling) to obtain a cleaner sample, place the sample into a small sample bottle or "zip lock" bag for future reference, and label the jar or bag (i.e. hole number, depth, date, etc.). Cuttings shall be closely examined to determine general lithology.

- Note any change in color of drilling fluid or cuttings, to estimate changes in lithology.

- Note drop or chattering of drilling tools or a change in the rate of drilling, to determine fracture locations or lithologic changes.

- Observe loss or gain of drilling fluids or air (if air rotary methods are used), to identify potential fracture zones.

- Record this and any other useful information onto the boring log as provided in Figure 1.

This logging provides a general description of subsurface lithology and adequate information can be obtained through careful observation of the drilling process. It is recommended that split-barrel and rock core sampling methods be used at selected boring locations during the field investigation to provide detailed information to supplement the less detailed data generated through borings drilled using air/mud rotary methods.

5.6 Review

Upon completion of the borings logs, copies shall be made and reviewed. Items to be reviewed include:

- Checking for consistency of all logs.
- Checking for conformance to the guideline.
- Checking to see that all information is entered in their respective columns and spaces.

6.0 REFERENCES

Unified Soil Classification System (USCS).

ASTM D2488, 1985.

Earth Manual, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1974.

7.0 RECORDS

Originals of the boring logs shall be retained in the project files.

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1.0 PURPOSE

Decontamination is the process of removing and/or neutralizing site contaminants that have contacted and/or accumulated on equipment. The objective/purpose of this SOP is intended to protect site personnel, general public, and the sample integrity through the prevention of cross contamination onto unaffected persons or areas. It is further intended through this procedure to provide guidelines regarding the appropriate procedures to be followed when decontaminating drilling equipment, monitoring well materials, chemical sampling equipment and field analytical equipment.

2.0 SCOPE

This procedure applies to all equipment including drilling equipment, heavy equipment, monitoring well materials, as well as chemical sampling and field analytical equipment decontamination that may be used to provide access/acquire environmental samples. Where technologically and economically feasible, single use sealed disposable equipment will be employed to minimize the potential for cross contamination. This procedure also provides general reference information on the control of contaminated materials.

3.0 GLOSSARY

Acid - For decontamination of equipment when sampling for trace levels of inorganics, a 10% solution of nitric acid in deionized water should be used. Due to the leaching ability of nitric acid, it should not be used on stainless steel.

Alconox/Liquinox - A brand of phosphate-free laboratory-grade detergent.

Decontamination Solution - Is a solution selected/identified within the Health and Safety Plan or Project-Specific Quality Assurance Plan. The solution is selected and employed as directed by the project chemist/health and safety professional.

Deionized Water (DI) - Deionized water is tap water that has been treated by passing through a standard deionizing resin column. This water may also pass through additional filtering media to attain various levels of analyte-free status. The DI water should meet CAP and NCCLS specifications for reagent grade, Type I water.

Potable Water - Tap water used from any municipal water treatment system. Use of an untreated potable water supply is not an acceptable substitute for tap water.

Pressure Washing - Employs high pressure pumps and nozzle configuration to create a high pressure spray of potable water. High pressure spray is employed to remove solids.

Solvent - The solvent of choice is pesticide-grade Isopropanol. Use of other solvents (methanol, acetone, pesticide-grade hexane, or petroleum ether) may be required for particular projects or for a particular purpose (e.g. for the removal of concentrated waste) and must be justified in the project planning documents. As an example, it may be necessary to use hexane when analyzing for trace levels of pesticides, PCBs, or fuels. In addition, because many of these solvents are not miscible in water, the equipment should be air dried prior to use. Solvents should not be used on PVC equipment or well construction materials.

Steam Pressure Washing - This method employs a high pressure spray of heated potable water. This method through the application of heat provides for the removal of various organic/inorganic compounds.

4.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

Project Manager - Responsible for ensuring that all field activities are conducted in accordance with approved project plan(s) requirements.

Field Operations Leader (FOL) - Responsible for the onsite verification that all field activities are performed in compliance with approved Standards Operating Procedures or as otherwise dictated by the approved project plan(s).

Site Health and Safety Officer (SHSO) - The SHSO exercises shared responsibility with the FOL concerning decontamination effectiveness. All equipment arriving on-site (as part of the equipment inspection), leaving the site, moving between locations are required to go through a decontamination evaluation. This is accomplished through visual examination and/or instrument screening to determine the effectiveness of the decontamination process. Failure to meet these objectives are sufficient to restrict equipment from entering the site/exiting the site/ or moving to a new location on the site until the objectives are successfully completed.

5.0 PROCEDURES

The process of decontamination is accomplished through the removal of contaminants, neutralization of contaminants, or the isolation of contaminants. In order to accomplish this activity a level of preparation is required. This includes site preparation, equipment selection, and evaluation of the process. Site contaminant types, concentrations, media types, are primary drivers in the selection of the types of decontamination as well as where it will be conducted. For purposes of this SOP discussion will be provided concerning general environmental investigation procedures.

The decontamination processes are typically employed at:

- Temporary Decontamination Pads/Facilities
- Sample Locations
- Centralized Decontamination Pad/Facilities
- Combination of some or all of the above

The following discussion represents recommended site preparation in support of the decontamination process.

5.1 Decontamination Design/Constructions Considerations

5.1.1 Temporary Decontamination Pads

Temporary decontamination pads are constructed at satellite locations in support of temporary work sites. These structures are generally constructed to support the decontamination of heavy equipment such as drill rigs and earth moving equipment but can be employed for smaller articles.

The purpose of the decontamination pad is to contain wash waters and potentially contaminated soils generated during decontamination procedures. Therefore, construction of these pads should take into account the following considerations

- Site Location – The site selected should be within a reasonable distance from the work site but should avoid:

  - Pedestrian/Vehicle thoroughfares
  - Areas where control/custody cannot be maintained
  - Areas where a potential releases may be compounded through access to storm water transport systems, streams or other potentially sensitive areas.
  - Areas potentially contaminated.

- Pad – The pad should be constructed to provide the following characteristics

  - Size – The size of the pad should be sufficient to accept the equipment to be decontaminated as well as permitting free movement around the equipment by the personnel conducting the decontamination.

  - Slope – An adequate slope will be constructed to permit the collection of the water and potentially contaminated soils within a trough or sump constructed at one end. The collection point for wash waters should be of adequate distance that the decontamination workers do not have to walk through the wash waters while completing their tasks.

  - Sidewalls – The sidewalls should be a minimum of 6-inches in height to provide adequate containment for wash waters and soils. If splash represents a potential problem, splash guards should be constructed to control overspray. Sidewalls maybe constructed of wood, inflatables, sand bags, etc. to permit containment.

  - Liner – Depending on the types of equipment and the decontamination method the liner should be of sufficient thickness to provide a puncture resistant barrier between the decontamination operation and the unprotected environment. Care should be taken to examine the surface area prior to placing the liner to remove sharp articles (sticks, stones, debris) that could puncture the liner. Liners are intended to form an impermeable barrier. The thickness may vary from a minimum recommended thickness of 10 mil to 30 mil. Achieving the desired thickness maybe achieved through layering lighter constructed materials. It should be noted that various materials (rubber, polyethylene sheeting) become slippery when wet. To minimize this potential hazard associated with a sloped liner a light coating of sand maybe applied to provide traction as necessary.

  - Wash/drying Racks – Auger flights, drill/drive rods require racks positioned off of the ground to permit these articles to be washed, drained, and dried while secured from falling during this process. A minimum ground clearance of 2-feet is recommended.

  - Maintenance – The work area should be periodically cleared of standing water, soils, and debris. This action will aid in eliminating slip, trip, and fall hazards. In addition, these articles will reduce potential backsplash and cross contamination. Hoses should be gathered when not in use to eliminate potential tripping hazards.

5.1.2 Decontamination Activities at Drill Rigs/DPT Units

During subsurface sampling activities including drilling and direct push activities decontamination of drive rods, Macro Core Samplers, split spoons, etc. are typically conducted at an area adjacent to the operation. Decontamination is generally accomplished using a soap/water wash and rinse utilizing buckets and brushes. This area requires sufficient preparation to accomplish the decontamination objectives.

Buckets shall be placed within mortar tubs or similar secondary containment tubs to prevent splash and spills from reaching unprotected media. Drying racks will be employed as directed for temporary pads to permit parts to dry and be evaluated prior to use/re-use.

5.1.3 Decontamination Activities at Remote Sample Locations

When sampling at remote locations sampling devices such as trowels, pumps/tubing should be evacuated of potentially contaminated media to the extent possible. This equipment should be wrapped in plastic for transport to the temporary/centralized decontamination location for final cleaning and disposition.

5.2 Equipment Decontamination Procedures

The following represents procedures to be employed for the decontamination of equipment that may have contacted and/or accumulated contamination through site investigation activities.

5.2.1 Monitoring Well Sampling Equipment

5.2.1.1 Groundwater sampling pumps – This includes pumps inserted into the monitoring well such as Bladder pumps, Whale pumps, Redi-Flo, reusable bailers, etc.

1) Evacuate to the extent possible, any purge water within the pump.

2) Scrub using soap and water and/or steam clean the outside of the pump and tubing, where applicable.

3) Insert the pump and tubing into a clean container of soapy water. Pump a sufficient amount of soapy water through the pump to flush any residual purge water. Once flushed, circulate soapy water through the pump to ensure the internal components are thoroughly flushed.

4) Remove the pump and tubing from the container, rinse external components using tap water. Insert the pump and tubing into a clean container of tap water. Pump a sufficient amount of tap water through the pump to evacuate all of the soapy water (until clear).

5) Rinse equipment with pesticide grade isopropanol

6) Repeat item #4 using deionized water through the hose to flush out the tap water and solvent residue as applicable*.

7) Drain residual deionized water to the extent possible, allow components to air dry.

8) Wrap pump in aluminum foil or a clear clean plastic bag for storage.

5.2.1.2 Electronic Water Level Indicators/Sounders/Tapes

During water level measurements, rinsing with the extracted tape and probe with deionized water and wiping the surface of the extracted tape is acceptable. However, periodic full decontamination should be conducted as indicated below.

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* - The solvent should be employed when samples contain oil, grease, PAHs, PCBs, and other hard to remove materials. If these are not of primary concern, the solvent step may be omitted. In addition, do not rinse PE, PVC, and associated tubing with solvents.

1) Wash with soap and water
2) Rinse with tap water
3) Rinse with deionized water

Note: In situations where oil, grease, free product, other hard to remove materials are encountered probes and exposed tapes should be washed in hot soapy water.

5.2.1.3 Miscellaneous Equipment

Miscellaneous equipment including analytical equipment (water quality testing equipment) should be cleaned per manufacturer's instructions. This generally includes wiping down the sensor housing and rinsing with tap and deionized water.

Coolers/Shipping Containers employed to ship samples are received from the lab in a variety of conditions from marginal to extremely poor. Coolers should be evaluated prior to use for

- Structural integrity – Coolers missing handles or having breaks within the outer housing should be removed and not used. Notify the laboratory that the risk of shipping samples will not be attempted and request a replacement unit.

- Cleanliness – As per protocol only volatile organic samples are accompanied by a trip blank. If a cooler's cleanliness is in question (visibly dirty/stained) or associated with noticeable odors it should be decontaminated prior to use.

  1) Wash with soap and water
  2) Rinse with tap water
  3) Dry

If these measures fail to clean the cooler to an acceptable level, remove the unit from use as a shipping container and notify the laboratory to provide a replacement unit.

5.2.2 Down-Hole Drilling Equipment

This includes any portion of the drill rig that is over the borehole including auger flights, drill stems, rods, and associated tooling that would extend over the borehole. This procedure is to be employed prior to initiating the drilling/sampling activity, then between locations.

1) Remove all soils to the extent possible using shovels, scrapers, etc. to remove loose soils.
2) Through a combination of scrubbing using soap and water and/or steam cleaning remove visible dirt/soils.
3) Rinse with tap water.
4) Rinse equipment with pesticide grade isopropanol
5) To the extent possible allow components to air dry.
6) Wrap or cover equipment in clear plastic until it is time to be used.

5.2.3 Soil/Sediment Sampling Equipment

This consists of soil sampling equipment including but not limited to hand augers, stainless steel trowels/spoons, bowls, dredges, scoops, split spoons, Macro Core samplers, etc.

1) Remove all soils to the extent possible.

2) Through a combination of scrubbing using soap and water and/or steam cleaning remove visible dirt/soils.

3) Rinse with tap water.

4) Rinse equipment with pesticide grade isopropanol

5) Rinse with deionized water

6) To the extent possible allow components to air dry.

7) If the device is to be used immediately, screen with a PID/FID to insure all solvents (if they were used) and trace contaminants have been adequately removed.

8) Once these devices have been dried wrap in aluminum foil for storage until it is time to be used.

5.3 Contact Waste/Materials

During the course of field investigations disposable/single use equipment becomes contaminated. These items include tubing, trowels, PPE (gloves, overboots, splash suits, etc.) broken sample containers.

With the exception of the broken glass, single use articles should be cleaned (washed and rinsed) of visible materials and disposed of as normal refuse. The exception to this rule is that extremely soiled materials that cannot be cleaned should be containerized for disposal in accordance with applicable federal state and local regulations.

5.3.1 Decontamination Solutions

All waste decontamination solutions and rinses must be assumed to contain the hazardous chemicals associated with the site unless there are analytical or other data to the contrary. The waste solution volumes could vary from a few gallons to several hundred gallons in cases where large equipment required cleaning.

Containerized waste rinse solutions are best stored in 55-gallon drums (or equivalent containers) that can be sealed until ultimate disposal at an approved facility. These containers must be appropriately labeled.

5.4 Decontamination Evaluation

Determining the effectiveness of the decontamination process will be accomplished in the following manner

- Visual Evaluation – A visual evaluation will be conducted to insure the removal of particulate matter. This will be done to insure that the washing/rinsing process is working as intended.

- Instrument Screening – A PID and/or an FID should be used to evaluate the presence of the contaminants or solvents used in the cleaning process. The air intake of the instrument should be passed over the article to be evaluated. A positive detection requires a repeat the decontamination process. It should be noted that the instrument scan is only viable if the contaminants are detectable within the instruments capabilities.

- Rinsate Blanks – It is recommended that Rinsate samples be collected to

  - Evaluate the decontamination procedure representing different equipment applications (pumps versus drilling equipment) and different decontamination applications.

  - Single use disposable equipment – The number of samples should represent different types of equipment as well as different Lot Numbers of single use articles.

The collection and the frequency of collection of rinsate samples are as follows:

- Per decontamination method
- Per disposable article/Batch number of disposable articles

It is recommended that an initial rinsate sample be collected early in the project to ensure that the decontamination process is functioning properly and in an effort to avoid using a contaminated batch of single use articles. It is recommended that a follow up sample be collected during the execution of the project to insure those conditions do not change. Lastly, rinsate samples collection may be driven by types of and/or contaminant levels. Hard to remove contaminants, oils/greases, some PAHs/PCBs, etc. may also support the collection of additional rinsates due to the obvious challenges to the decontamination process. This is a field consideration to be determined by the FOL.